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Left: President of O.H.A. 1981, Pauline Richards
Right: President of O.H.A. 1982, Bryce Japp

1981 PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Pauline Richards

What an experience this has been! What a busy year it has been!

As soon as the convention was over last year, I was off to Toronto, Saturday and Sunday, to a Rose Judging School. The following week I judged three rose shows, as well as presented a Life Membership to one of the members of the first society that I joined about 30 years ago. I participated in a tree planting ceremony on Horticultural Day at the Guelph Arboretum. It has been an enjoyable endeavour trying to visit as many districts and societies as possible; from Leamington in the southwest to Rainy River in the northwest to Ottawa in the east.

What a trip that was to Emo! I was just thinking, "how many of us in the south would take 7 or 8 hours to go to a district meeting?". What we could do in the south with the kind of dedication and interest that they show in the north!

It has given me a feeling of accomplishment to be involved in the setting up of our Horticultural Judging Schools and we are so happy to report that five schools are now underway.

It has been a pleasure working with your O.H.A. Secretary, Russell Gomme, for the past year. I try to keep on the good side of him by feeding him raspberries and squash, and I did enjoy working with Alma on the judging school syllabus, examines, etc. What a pair they are! And I think most of you, as well, know them as a pair.

It has been trying for many of you who have lost valuable members along the way. I attended the funeral of our past President, Don Klinck, and extended heartfelt sympathies from our Association.

I attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of one of our past Presidents, Wes Seibert; 50 years in the Theological Ministry!

I presented a Charter to one of our new Societies at Delhi.

I hope many of you have thought about my theme for the year, "Growing for Showing". It is such a good opportunity to educate the public of the work of your society as well as letting them see the new and improved varieties of fruits, vegetables and flowers. I think the flower shows are one of our best public events.

I have judged and attended many shows through the year, attended Executive, Program, and Board Meetings, attended the Plowing Match last year, and now we're working on the one for Lucan this year. I have helped with exhibits at the Western Fair, and the C.N.E. on behalf of the O.H.A. I have been a Director on the Western Fair Board, on behalf of the O.H.A., a member of their association for 2 or 3 years, and was finally elected to their Board and have been there for the last 3 years.

I participated in the Agricultural Societies Convention Program, and helped with the Tree Planting Program for the tornado replanting project, which was funded by the Horticultural Association.

Now my year is over. How quickly it went. You think of all the things you might have done if there were 5 more hours in a day, another day in the week, or a few more weeks in the year. It has been a wonderful year and I'm looking forward to continuing in the work of the Association, and societies, in any way I can possibly help.

Happy gardening!

Your President — 1981,
Pauline Richards

1982 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Bryce Japp

I would like to thank you and the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to represent you as President of The Ontario Horticultural Association.

The year started out great, with many invitiations to District meetings and was running very smoothly until I was notified that the offices in Toronto would be moved to Guelph.

I had the opportunity to meet with Ken Knox and the Presidents of all the other organizations that are under the New Rural Organizations Branch, and we had a chance to put some input into the change, which I think will be very helpful to the Ontario Horticultural Association in the future.

In October, Mr. Russ Gomme gave his intent to retire at the end of the year. This made things a bit uncertain as to who would take on this enormous job as Secretary of the Association.

The month of December was good because a young chap by the name of Tony Hogervorst came into the picture and was later hired to replace Russ Gomme. I would like to wish Tony well.

Elaine and I have travelled over 12,000 km in the past year attending meetings in ten of the eighteen Districts. I would like to thank these Districts for their kind reception and I would also like to apologize to the Districts that I was unable to visit.

I would like to compliment the societies in their youth work. Under the new Rural Organization Branch, I hope that they will be able to take advantage of and get involved in the 4H Movement by extending 4H into the urban area in Horticulture.

The judging schools have been very active in the past year, with some nearing completion and new ones starting. This is going to be very helpful in the future to Horticultural Societies, as well as at fairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, which stayed on the farm and kept the home fires burning.

I would also like to wish Russ and Alma Gomme the best in their retirement.

In the past year, I have renewed old friendships and met many new friends. I have been very influenced by your thoughts and ideas, and I hope that a little bit of me has stayed in your thoughts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — 1981

R. F. Gomme

Every year poses new opportunities and challenges for the Ontario Horticultural Association and its 260 member societies. With the 75th Anniversary year it was truly a "celebrating" year in many respects with a step up of tree planting projects; an increase in youth club activities; greater participation in competitions both locally and provincially; and the beginning of a series of province wide Judging Schools.

Recruiting of new members and formation of new societies con-

tinued to be encouraging with new clubs formed in the following communities:

Delhi South Port Ameliasburgh Petrolia Tilsonburg

Horticulture expenditures in all sorts of projects continue to develop and increase each year. Many societies have reached their maximum grant. Increased costs and proposed new projects prompted a request for additional grants, but so far without success. However, amendments to the Horticultural Societies Act that were approved in late 1982 will allow additional horticulture societies to be formed in municipalities, and greater flexibility for the annual meeting dates. Each society will in future be a body corporate because of amendments to the Horticultural Societies Act.

The Association resolutions requested re-instatement of Arbor Day through the Ontario School Systems and the necessity to have agricultural and horticultural subjects included in school curriculums. A fine example of co-operation was a generous donation by member societies toward the tree planting projects for the tornado areas of Western Ontario, and the landscaping of buildings at the Ontario Agricultural Museum. The Past President's Council continued to recognize its deceased members with a tree planting for each member in respective areas. Some communities recognized outstanding members such as in the Lakehead Exhibition where one of its main structures in the fair grounds was named the Dorothy E. Dove Building, and in Timmins where a park was named after our Northern Ontario Horticultural Consultant, the late Roy Nicholson.

A continuous service of communication was maintained by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food through the Secretary's office. The newsletter was the main link for passing along new and timely information. Several additional mailings were necessary including preparation and mailing of competitions, convention information, secretaries lists and many others. District Directors and their Executives did a good job in keeping in touch with their own societies. Consequently many district projects, including shows, conventions, tours and news programs resulted. Every district held a meeting or convention and some also held seminars, workshops instructional courses.

The Public Relations Committee during such events and throughout the convention provided a wide range of aids to promote horticultural societies at the local level. They brought along decals, pins, hasty notes and other aids. They stylized trillium adopted by the Ontario Horticultural Association was registered under the trade mark registration and societies were encouraged to use the design on their letterhead, on garden designs, in the newspaper columns, and other places to promote horticultural societies throughout the province.

Our Association's 75th birthday was celebrated in many ways, including the construction of new flower beds in communities, special year books and publications and competitions to focus attention on this special milestone. An appropriate gift of a chrome-plated Spade from Landscape Ontario was made during the convention with the purpose to encourage more tree planting across Ontario. Within a few weeks after the presentation, the spade was used at several tree planting ceremonies in five different areas of the province.

The convention program, complete with timely subjects and entertaining skits, was a happy educational event with attendance of almost 800 persons representing 173 horticultural societies.

The Youth and Adult Committees prepared and conducted several interesting competitions which were well supported at the convention, and also at the Canadian National Exhibition and Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Through the co-operation of districts near and including Toronto, many major shows including the Garden, Pool and Landscape Show, the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair were provided with individuals to give a continuous Garden Consultant Service. During the Landscape Show there was a district competition and almost continuous speakers.

The beginning of a series of five Judging Schools, each consisting of 5 two day courses, was another intriguing addition which required the close co-operation of the Ontario Horticultural Association, the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. A pilot course was held in Ridgetown which was followed by schools the next year in Kemptville, Lindsay, Algoma, New Liskeard and Midland. Additional schools are also underway. It is hoped that each school, which has an average of 35 students, will provide a greater supply of judges in all areas of horticulture which should be very useful, not only to horticultural societies but to many of the agricultural fairs.

We were faced with the loss of dedicated leaders in 1981 and 1982. Donald Klinck of Windsor, a Past President of the Association, passed away suddenly in August of 1981. Former Association Secretary, John F. Clark, who surpassed his 90th birthday, was another great loss. Several districts and societies suffered similar losses of key officials.

The Association did not lose sight of the extra effort given by individuals and made selections for outstanding awards that were presented at the conventions. The Silver Medal was awarded in 1981 to Dr. Leslie Laking and in 1982 to Joan Dickson. The Award of Merit was presented to Helen DuBeau and Mr. & Mrs. C. Baker in 1981 and to Dorothy E. Dove in 1982. The Trillium Award which is presented to a lady member was presented in 1981 to Doris Scott, and in 1982 to Mrs. Elsie Armstrong of Stirling. The Commuity Service Award was presented in 1981 to the town of Markham and in 1982 to Basil McMaster of Brighton. Several districts recognized members with District Service Awards while local societies selected members to receive service certificates. In each case, the Ontario Horticultural Association provided the awards.

During the closing months of 1982, the Association was informed of the re-organization that was to take place in the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, including the amalgamation of the branches and subsequent relocation of the office from Toronto to Guelph. An effort to co-operate in every way, and thus have as smooth a transition as possible, has been centered around co-operation through our President and officials of the Ministry.

1982 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES GRANTS (LEGISLATIVE)

Society	Membership 1981	Expenditure 1981	Grant 1982
ALGOMA			
Blind River	332	$ 8,318	$ 1,500
Bruce Station	105	1,893	1,000
Lake George	101	2,399	1,000
Sault Ste. Marie	420	2,254	1,500
St. Joseph Island	51	1,342	500
Thessalon	217	4,323	1,500
BRANT			
Brantford Garden	256	5,386	1,500
Glen Morris	101	815	508
St. George Garden	72	1,225	500
BRUCE			
Chesley	152	1,724	1,000
Eastnor Township	227	1,759	1,106
Kincardine & Dist.	72	1,524	500
Lucknow & Dist.	143	1,834	1,000
Ripley & Dist.	52	1,031	500
Tara	235	1,948	1,209
Teeswater-Culross	279	1,266	912
South Port	102	—	200

Society	Membership 1981	Expenditure 1981	Grant 1982
COCHRANE			
Cochrane	220	3,766	1,500
Iroquis Falls & Dist.	516	3,940	1,500
Kapuskasing	213	2,477	1,451
Porcupine	104	2,203	1,000
Timmins	270	7,078	1,500
DUFFERIN			
Grand Valley & Dist.	196	1,255	823
Orangeville & Dist.	228	6,959	1,500
Shelburne & Dist.	230	1,833	1,000
DUNDAS			
Morrisburg & Dist.	104	2,131	1,000
DURHAM			
Ajax	106	2,175	1,000
Beaverton	235	1,792	1,131
Bowmanville & Dist.	127	1,424	839
Brooklin	212	3,908	1,500
Cannington	203	2,408	1,407
Georgina-Brock	51	1,072	500
Newcastle	128	1,657	956
Orono	285	6,713	1,500
Oshawa	255	4,540	1,500
Pickering	67	847	490
Pine Ridge	106	2,279	1,000
Uxbridge	59	862	490
ELGIN			
Rodney	358	3,321	1,500
St. Thomas & Dist.	51	476	289
West Lorne	371	2,587	1,500
ESSEX			
Ambassador	158	1,502	909
Essex & Dist.	114	1,674	951
Fort Malden	220	1,079	759
Greater Windsor	327	2,180	1,417
Kingsville	262	3,434	1,500
Leamington	250	4,033	1,500
FRONTENAC			
Collins Bay & Dist.	64	1,183	500
Kingston	447	3,713	1,500
GLENGARRY			
Martintown & Dist.	39	526	302
Maxville & Dist.	139	1,839	1,000
Williamstown	59	245	304
GRENVILLE			
Kemptville	237	4,108	1,500
Prescott & Dist.	109	1,094	656
GREY			
Durham & Dist.	202	4,016	1,500
Hanover	229	4,334	1,500
Markdale	103	3,194	1,000
Owen Sound	310	4,160	1,500
HALDIMAND			
Dunnville	137	3,269	1,000
HALIBURTON			
Minden & Dist.	255	2,670	1,500
HALTON			
Bronte	46	1,395	500
Burlington	203	2,071	1,238
Georgetown	106	1,095	653
Milton & Dist.	148	2,234	1,000
Oakville	214	3,934	1,500

Society	Membership 1981	Expenditure 1981	Grant 1982
HASTINGS			
Belleville	324	5,667	1,500
Stirling	348	2,013	1,354
Trenton	70	688	414
Tweed & Dist.	28	162	109
HURON			
Auburn	68	1,286	500
Bayfield	153	1,631	968
Blyth	414	2,305	1,500
Brussels	51	1,755	500
Clinton	253	3,621	1,500
Goderich	72	1,634	500
Seaforth	226	2,352	1,402
Wingham	201	3,595	1,500
KENORA			
Dryden Dist.	112	1,192	708
Sioux Lookout	162	893	608
KENT			
Blenheim-Harwich	306	2,721	1,500
Bothwell & Dist.	—	—	—
Chatham	323	109,561	1,500
Dresden & Dist.	342	2,111	1,397
Ridgetown & Dist.	209	5,370	1,500
Thamesville	364	1,998	1,363
Wallaceburg	325	15,874	1,500
LAMBTON			
Brigden & Dist.	592	3,543	1,500
Sarnia	200	1,995	1,197
Petrolia & Dist. (N.)	137	—	200
Petrolia & Dist.			
LANARK			
Almonte	107	937	575
Pakenham	160	2,528	1,000
LEEDS			
Brockville	204	2,774	1,500
Gananoque	363	3,563	1,500
Rideau Lakes	140	670	475
LENNOX & ADDINGTON			
Napanee			
MANITOULIN			
Assiginack	157	1,374	844
Campbell	37	909	491
Gorden-Gore Bay	26	168	110
Manitoulin West	50	731	415
MIDDLESEX			
Lambeth	209	2,875	1,500
London	599	4,801	1,500
Strathroy	134	1,643	955
MUSKOKA			
Baysville	233	2,217	1,341
Bracebridge	244	3,281	1,500
Gravenhurst	42	1,360	500
Huntsville	341	2,679	1,500
Port Carling	(Dormant)		
NIAGARA NORTH			
Garden City	238	3,117	1,500
Grimsby	276	4,369	1,500
Niagara-on-the-Lake	125	610	430
Smithville	147	990	642

Society	Membership 1981	Expenditure 1981	Grant 1982
NIAGARA SOUTH			
Fort Erie North	206	3,665	1,500
Niagara Falls	204	2,909	1,500
Pelham	206	1,535	973
Port Colborne	133	1,201	733
Ridgeway	301	2,675	1,500
Stamford Centre	242	2,634	1,500
Thorold	188	2,265	1,000
Welland	167	1,511	922
NIPISSING			
North Bay	194	3,487	1,000
NORFOLK			
Delhi	62	1st year	124
Port Dover & Woodhouse	249	3,352	1,500
Simcoe & Dist.	114	3,324	1,000
Waterford & Dist.	183	2,600	1,000
NORTHUMBERLAND			
Brighton	317	6,483	1,500
Campbellford & Dist.	67	822	478
Cobourg & Dist.	315	3,338	1,500
Colborne	148	1,905	1,000
Port Hope	259	3,300	1,500
Rice Lake	100	2,111	500
South Haldimand	84	1,162	500
OTTAWA-CARLETON			
Glouchester Township	46	895	493
Kanata-March	158	1,771	1,000
Manotick	52	875	489
Nepean	214	4,828	1,500
Ottawa	412	4,476	1,500
Stittsville-Goulbourne	50	829	464
OXFORD			
Ingersoll & Dist.	178	1,538	947
Woodstock	235	2,724	1,500
PARRY SOUND			
Argyle	62	—	124
Callander	105	2,358	1,000
Parry Sound	129	2,891	1,000
Powassan	49	1,223	500
Sundridge	89	1,096	500
PEEL			
Brampton	214	4,116	1,500
Caledon	34	752	Nil
Chingaucousy	225	2,132	1,291
Cloverleaf	204	2,778	1,500
Streetsville	70	1,876	500
PERTH			
Kirkton	521	2,135	1,500
St. Mary's	211	1,959	1,190
Stratford & Dist.	563	6,236	1,500
PETERBOROUGH			
Lakefield & Dist.	107	3,502	1,000
Peterborough	137	2,023	1,000
PRESCOTT			
Vankleek Hill & Dist.	85	863	500
PRINCE EDWARD			
Prince Edward	242	6,134	1,500
Ameliasburgh	70	1st year	140

Society	Membership 1981	Expenditure 1981	Grant 1982
RAINY RIVER			
Atikokan	69	549	343
Emo Area	49	477	287
Fort Frances	71	1,239	500
Rainy River	65	1,013	500
RENFREW			
Beachburg	31	448	255
Deep River	786	3,565	1,500
Eganville	104	3,758	1,000
Pembroke	244	7,651	1,500
RUSSELL			
Russell	105	1,560	885
SIMCOE			
Alliston & Dist.	113	2,175	1,000
Angus	69	1,541	500
Barrie	1,909	23,057	1,500
Beeton	68	1,080	500
Bond Head	118	3,759	500
Brentwood			
Coldwater & Dist.	106	2,567	1,000
Collingwood	247	3,736	1,500
Creemore	125	1,671	960
Elmvale & Dist.	130	2,489	1,000
Gilford & Dist.	65	723	426
Midland	393	8,840	1,500
Orillia	282	8,077	1,500
Oro Township	446	4,124	1,500
Painswick	207	3,217	1,500
Penetanguishene	124	5,329	1,000
Stayner	267	3,450	1,500
Thornton	113	3,322	1,000
Tottenham & Dist.	97	4,169	500
Vespra Township	75	588	369
STORMONT			
North Roxborough & Dist.			
SUDBURY			
Capreol			
Espanola	270	2,107	1,323
Massey-Walford	205	3,003	1,500
Sudbury	406	3,991	1,500
Valley East			
Warren			
THUNDER BAY			
Geraldton	99	461	329
Nipigon-Red Rock	170	2,095	1,000
Terrace Bay	117	1,694	964
Thunder Bay	203	2,671	1,500
TIMISKAMING			
Englehart & Dist.	120	3,603	1,000
Haileybury	40	303	191
Kirkland Lake & Dist.	181	10,665	1,000
New Liskeard	108	2,085	1,000
VICTORIA			
Bobcaygeon	278	6,058	1,500
Fenelon Falls & Dist.	219	2,663	1,500
Kinmount & Dist.	37	836	455
Lindsay & Dist.	114	1,593	910
Norland	40	613	346
Omemee & Dist.	160	1,971	1,000

Society	Membership	Expenditure	Grant
WATERLOO	**1981**	**1981**	**1982**
Ayr	437	2,243	1,500
Elmira	386	2,664	1,500
Galt	558	3,196	1,500
Hespler	242	3,142	1,500
Kitchener	2,486	31,514	1,500
Preston-Cambridge	351	2,144	1,423
St. Jacobs	348	1,118	907
Waterloo	1,267	10,401	1,500
Wellesley Township	83	367	266
Wilmot	262	2,653	1,500
WELLINGTON			
Alma & Dist.	185	1,007	688
Arthur	504	2,937	1,500
Clifford & Dist.	132	677	470
Elora & Salem	844	2,623	1,500
Erin	218	2,721	1,500
Fergus & Dist.	1,205	3,293	1,500
Guelph	1,965	17,259	1,500
Guelph Twp.	400	2,585	1,500
Harriston & Dist.	183	1,393	879
Hillsburgh	209	1,674	1,046
Maryborough Twp.	36	475	273
Mount Forest	777	3,899	1,500
WENTWORTH			
Ancaster	125	1,729	989
Dundas	168	1,414	875
Flamborough	57	776	445
Hamilton	203	2,514	1,460
Lynden	38	1,308	500
Mount Hamilton	176	2,251	1,000
Stoney Creek	113	1,591	908
Winona	68	1,342	500
YORK			
Agincourt	200	2,883	1,500
Aurora	108	1,705	960
East Toronto	87	1,615	500
East York	104	2,287	1,000
Etobicoke	276	3,232	1,500
Kingsway-Sunnylea	112	1,796	1,000
Lakeshore	146	1,962	1,000
Lake Simcoe South Shore	111	3,971	1,000
Markham & Dist.	103	1,589	897
Mount Albert	101	2,217	1,000
Newmarket	158	4,081	1,000
Nobleton & Dist.	33	989	500
North Toronto	245	2,642	1,500
North York	258	2,790	1,500
Richmond Hill	238	5,099	1,500
Riverdale	72	986	500
Roselands	125	2,086	1,000
Scarborough	213	2,901	1,500
Schomberg	72	1,699	500
Stouffville	235	1,670	1,070
Swansea	73	819	482
Thornhill & Dist.	122	3,048	1,000
Toronto	52	727	415
Toronto Rgn. Rhodo.	185	9,196	1,000
Unionville	57	446	280
Westway	130	4,404	1,000
Woodbridge	76	935	500
York Rose & Garden	149	1,100	699

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1981 — DECEMBER 31, 1981

A. Operating Statement

(1) Receipts — See 'C' for details		
O.H.A. Balance Dec. 31, 1980	$19,130.62	
District Balance Dec. 31, 1980	2,645.32	21,775.94
Operating Receipts O.H.A. 1981	45,830.76	
District Receipts 1981	3,122.72	48,953.48
Total Receipts		70,729.42
(2) Expenditures — See 'D' for details		
Operating Expenditures O.H.A. 1981	47,198.86	
District Withdrawals 1981	3,196.94	50,395.80
(3) Balance Statement		
Total Balance		20,333.62
Bank Balance	25,571.52	
Less Outstanding Cheques	5,237.90	20,333.62
Less District Balances		
— District 4	541.75	
— District 6	200.30	
— District 7	452.40	
— District 8	356.85	
— District 9	106.10	
— District 10	158.55	
— District 11	135.70	
— District 14	117.00	
— District 15	117.70	
— District 17	384.75	2,571.10
Net Ontario Horticultural Association Balance		17,762.52

B. Net Worth Statement — Ontario Horticultural Association

Operating Balance, December 31, 1981		17,762.52
Canada Trust Savings a/c 18-217094		
Balance Dec. 31, 1980	9,380.61	
Interest 1981	1,369.99	
Transfer 1981 (Histories & Bal. of Special Fund)	1,011.65	
Balance Dec. 31, 1981		11,762.25
Debenture — Canada Trust 018-1344313		1,000.00
Debenture — Income Trust 01-28643		1,000.00
Ruby Bryan Trust Fund — Canada Trust a/c 018-220163		
Balance Dec. 31, 1980	224.87	
Interest 1981	34.89	
	259.76	
Less transfer to Operating a/c for Awards	20.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1981		239.76
Total Net Worth — December 31, 1981		31,764.53

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February 8/82

O.M. Ritz

N.W. Parker

G.E. Israel
Treasurer

C. Operating Receipts

Balance (O.H.A.) Decemeber 31, 1980		19,130.62
Affiliation Fees 1981 and Arrears	2,329.34	
1982	8,324.25	10,653.59
Supplies Sold — Administration, etc.		105.33
Supplies Sold — Junior		690.07
Supplies Sold — Public Relations		7,295.24
Supplies Sold — Histories		451.65
Province of Ontario Grant		350.00
Donations: — Mrs. M. Smith	100.00	
— C.N.E. Photographic rec'd Jan/82		
— C.N.E. Exhibit	384.00	
— Garden, Pool & Landscape Show	1,000.00	
— Mrs. R. Bryan - 20; Past Pres. Council - 50; Guelph H.S. - 50; Misc. - 5; R.A.W.F. - 50	175.00	1,659.00
From Societies — Tornado Fund		1,347.50
Museum Fund		212.50
Convention:		
Registration (695 @ 10.00)	6,950.00	
Concessions	218.00	
Food Services	9,446.00	
Districts 4, 5, 15, 17	300.00	
Southam Publications (G.P. & L. Show)	400.00	
Refrectory (Luncheon)	4,080.00	
Bus Tour and Shuttle Service	576.00	
Accommodation (paid in error and refunded)	382.50	
District 9 (also bookmarks, flowers, decorations and entertainment (Bell Ringers)	100.00	22,453.00
Interest — (Debenture & Term Deposit)		512.88
Miscellaneous		200.00
Total O.H.A. Receipts		64,961.38

District Fund Receipts

District No.	Balance Dec. 31/80	Fees 1981	Total	
District 4	$ 592.25	$ 541.75	$1,134.00	
District 6	225.10	243.70	468.80	
District 7	305.82	464.07	769.89	
District 8	277.95	506.55	784.50	
District 9	232.65	175.20	407.85	
District 10	151.30	188.80	340.10	
District 11	195.15	161.25	356.40	
District 14	132.00	201.25	333.25	
District 15	164.60	183.90	348.50	
District 17	368.50	456.25	824.75	
Total District Receipts	2,645.32	3,122.72	5,768.04	5,768.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS				70,729.42

D. Operating Expenditures

Board & Committee Travelling Allowances & Expenses		$8,701.61
Printing & Stationery		429.70
Supplies Purchased		388.94
Supplies Purchased — Junior		508.53
Supplies Purchased — Public Relations		8,266.06
Awards & Prizes: Diplomas & District Plaques	195.01	
Junior Awards	439.00	
Adult Competitions	127.50	
Photographic Competition	297.00	1,058.51
Convention:		
Food Services (Sheraton-Brock) Inc. Refunds	12,341.23	
Food Services Refrectory Incl. Refunds	3,438.32	
Bus Tours & Shuttle Service	595.40	
Accommodation Refunds	452.50	
Accommodation — Suites, etc.	330.10	
Supplies & Printing	1,112.93	
Gratuities — Speakers & Staff	1,100.00	
— District 9	400.00	
— Administration Staff	1,000.00	
Typewriter Rental	112.00	
Birthday Party expense	351.43	
Souvenirs (bud vases)	779.93	
Speakers and President's Reception	176.62	
Niagara Parks Commission (tree)	100.00	22,290.46
Exhibits (C.N.E., G.P. & L. Show, R.A.W.F., Etc.)		1,457.15
Postage		102.00
Transfer to Savings Account (Histories - 451.65; bal. of Special Tree planting funds - 560.00)		1,011.65
Honoraria & Fidelity Bond		710.00
Tree Planting (Museum - 1,000.00; Tornado - 458.50; Arboretum U. of G. - 200.00)		1,658.50
Sundry (floral tributes, retirement gifts, etc.)		615.75
TOTAL O.H.A. Expenditures		47,198.86

District Withdrawals:

District No.	**Amount**	
District No. 4	592.25	
District No. 6	268.50	
District No. 7	317.49	
District No. 8	427.65	
District No. 9	301.75	
District No. 10	181.55	
District No. 11	220.70	
District No. 14	216.25	
District No. 15	230.80	
District No. 17	440.00	3,196.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		50,395.80

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1982 — December 31, 1982

A. Operating Statement

(1) Receipts — See 'C' for details		
O.H.A. Balance Dec. 31, 1981	$17,762.52	
District Balance Dec. 31, 1981	2,571.10	20,333.62
Operating Receipts O.H.A. 1982	74,640.53	
District Receipts 1982	4,826.55	79,467.08
Total Receipts		99,800.70
(2) Expenditures — See 'D' for details		
Operating Expenditures O.H.A. 1982	67,946.44	
District Withdrawals 1982	3,580.35	71,526.79
(3) Balance Statement		
Total Balance		28,273.91
Bank Balance	32,765.19	
Less Outstanding Cheques	4,491.28	28,273.91
Less District Balances		
— District 4	588.75	
— District 6	192.30	
— District 7	888.40	
— District 8	834.70	
— District 9	152.10	
— District 10	136.20	
— District 11	151.80	
— District 14	283.00	
— District 15	170.80	
— District 17	419.25	3,817.30
Net Ontario Horticultural Association Balance		24,456.61

B. Net Worth Statement — Ontario Horticultural Association

Operating Balance, December 31, 1982		24,456.61
Canada Trust Savings a/c 18-217094		
Balance Dec. 31, 1981	11,762.25	
Interest 1982	1,512.53	
Transfer 1982 (history sales)	55.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1982		13,329.78
Debenture — Canada Trust 018-803623-5		1,000.00
Debenture — Income Trust 01-28643		1,000.00
Ruby Bryan Trust Fund — Canada Trust a/c 018-220163		
Balance Dec. 31, 1981	239.76	
Interest 1982	31.63	
	271.39	
Less transfer to Operating a/c for awards	20.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1982		251.39
Total Net Worth — December 31, 1982		40,037.78

Audited and Found Correct

O.M. Ritz

N.W. Parker

Date

January 27/83

G.E. Israel

Treasurer

C. Operating Receipts

Balance (O.H.A.) December 31, 1982		17,762.52
Affiliation Fees 1982 and Arrears	4,023.25	
1983	11,859.75	15,883.00
Supplies Sold — Administration, etc.		1,515.24
Supplies Sold — Youth		771.00
Supplies Sold — Public Relations		4,351.07
Supplies Sold — Histories		55.00
Province of Ontario Grant		—
Donations: — Garden, Pool & Landscape Show	2,408.00	
— C.N.E. Photographic (1981 & 1982)	700.00	
— C.N.E. Exhibit	450.00	
— Mrs. H. Smith - 100; R.A.W.F. - 75; R. Lobban - 25; R. Bryan - 20; C.B. Kelly - 30; Past Pres. Ccl. - 200.	450.00	4,008.00
Insurance premium — from Societies		390.00
Convention:		
Registration (740 @ 10.00)	7,400.00	
Concessions	205.00	
Tours	1,140.00	
District 7 (including U.C.O.)	700.00	
District 8	500.00	
Accommodation, Meals, Keys, etc.	28,571.03	
Barbeque 6,660.00	45,176.03	
Interest — (Debenture & Term Deposit)		2,242.19
Miscellaneous		249.00
Total O.H.A. Receipts		92,403.05

District Fund Receipts

District No.	Balance Dec. 31/81	Fees 1982	Total	
District 4	$ 541.75	$ 723.25	$1,265.00	
District 6	200.30	257.15	457.45	
District 7	452.40	990.65	1,443.05	
District 8	356.85	947.80	1,304.65	
District 9	106.10	330.10	436.20	
District 10	158.55	179.40	337.95	
District 11	135.70	205.45	341.15	
District 14	117.00	449.50	566.50	
District 15	117.70	270.50	388.20	
District 17	384.75	472.75	857.50	
Total District Receipts	2,571.10	4,826.55	7,397.65	7,397.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS				99,800.70

D. Operating Expenditures

Board & Committee Travelling Allowances & Expenses		$11,102.04
Printing & Stationery		346.53
Supplies Purchased — Youth		855.18
Supplies Purchased — Administration		2,085.67
Supplies Purchased — Public Relations		41.42
Awards & Prizes: Diplomas & District Plaques	456.59	
Youth awards (incl. 100.00 O.A.C. prize)	580.00	
Adult Competitions	674.99	
Photographic Competition	330.00	2,041.58
Convention:		
Accommodation, meals, parking, etc.	30,911.35	
Barbeque	6,994.41	
Bus Tours	693.00	
Gratuities, gifts, administration	3,002.80	
Printing, supplies, tree planting, etc.	1,505.77	43,107.33
Exhibits (C.N.E., G.P. & L. Show, R.A.W.F., Etc.)		1,628.68
Postage		244.03
Honoraria — 725.00, & fidelity bond — 75.00		800.00
Transfer to Savings Account (histories)		55.00
Donations: (Arbor Day Council — 100.00, U. of G. Arboretum 400.00)		500.00
Tree Planting — re Past Presidents memorial trees		199.69
Special Projects: Museum Landscaping		767.50
Tornado Area Plantings		3,432.59
Liability Insurance		424.00
Miscellaneous (floral tributes, special gifts, etc.)		315.20
TOTAL O.H.A. Expenditures		67,946.44

District Withdrawals:

District No.	**Amount**	
District No. 4	676.25	
District No. 6	265.15	
District No. 7	554.65	
District No. 8	469.95	
District No. 9	284.10	
District No. 10	201.75	
District No. 11	189.35	
District No. 14	283.50	
District No. 15	217.40	
District No. 17	438.25	3,580.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		71,526.79

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT 1 *District Director: Gordon W. Thom*

In August of this year, the Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society was presented with their Charter and we are delighted to have them join us.

Enthusiastic members, working exceptionally hard, are doing an outstanding job within our communities. Extension Beautification Programs are being developed in every community and the Annual Programs of the Societies are showing excellent content.

VANKLEEK HILL AND DISTRICT:

The Christmas season was brightened in the area by the placing of poinsettias in local churches, the post office, two banks, and the Senior Citizens' Residence. Easte lilies were placed in these areas at Easter time. The Spring Tulip Show this year, for all school children, proved a greater success than in recent years. Fifty-eight flats of annuals provided much colour in the Public Planting Program — planted at the churches, the convent, the town hall, two schools, two cemeteries, the medical centre and the post office. Shrubs were also planted at the medical centre. The Annual Flower Show, held in June, featured the earlier bounties of the gardens. It was a large show this year, bringing guests from both Ontario and Quebec. Membership has increased by eight percent this year.

RUSSELL AND DISTRICT:

With the continued help and support of members, the Russell Society endeavours to wisely administer the legislative and municipal grants received each year. Flower beds are planted and maintained in local parks, churches, schools, the curling rink, the arena, as well as at the Legion Hall and the public library. The Junior Program is a lively one, and these youngsters have gardens that are judged yearly. They also participate on a large scale in the Annual Flower Show. Their Anti-Litter Campaign, held in May, benefits the area greatly. The adult members are especially proud of junior and teenage members who have shown an interest and enthusiasm for horticulture.

NORTH ROXBOROUGH AND DISTRICT:

No report received.

MARTINTOWN AND DISTRICT:

This group has 40 senior and 16 junior members, and works hard to make it grow. The five local churches receive flowers at Christmas and Easter. The Beautification Program places flowers and shrubs around the village flag poles, at the medical centre, and at the Cenotaph. Two red maples were planted at St. Andrew's United Church. The Junior Program is a very busy one, including terrariums, macrame and an intensive series on the proper way to plant flowers and vegetables.

MAXVILLE AND DISTRICT:

This group has enthusiastic directors and executive members. The Annual Plant Auction netted $300. A $100 bursary was awarded to a young member, Marion Van der Weilan, a student at the Niagara College. To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the O.H.A., and to commemorate the Year of the Disabled, two flowering crap-apple trees were planted. The August Flower Show was a large success, with the Juniors participating a great deal.

MORRISBURG AND DISTRICT:

This Society of 104 members enjoyed an interesting two years. Eight regular meetings were held, with speakers, slide presentations, herb gardening, and a panel discussing common garden problems. Two flower shows are held each year, and the Civic Beautification Program has now been extended to include surrounding communities. A Home Beautification Competition for both urban and rural homes is a keen one. Silver trophies and trays are awarded in this competition.

WILLIAMSTOWN GREEN THUMB:

Beautification began with changing the flower beds at the museum and, giving assistance in landscaping design to the new Arena Board. The Annual Flower Show in August is of high calibre, with many entries. The Charter was presented to Williamstown by Mr. Gordon Thom, District Director, giving full membership in the Ontario Horticutlural Association.

DISTRICT 2 *Director: Maurice D. Marshall*

1981 and 1982 were very good years for District #2. All Societies had a full, busy and interesting program. The District 2-day Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show proved to be a great success with all Societies and the general public. I am having the very rewarding experience of co-ordinating the Eastern Ontario School for Judges, being held at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology. The course to date has been very well received by all students. I look forward to having a lot of worthy judges in this area.

I am happy to report that I have made an almost complete recovery from the effects of my stroke last year. I am also very pleased and honoured that at the 1982 Convention, I was nominated and elected to be Second Vice-President of the O.H.A. I am honoured, and look forward to serving the O.H.A.

ALMONTE:

Membership for 1982 was 106, plus 50 Juniors. Public plantings were carried out at the Cenotaph, Kirkland Park, the Old Post Office, the Town Hall, and Fairview Banner. The Annual Show was very successful, with many entries. There were fifty Junior gardens, and the winning gardens were of very high standard. Congratulations go to all who assisted in the Junior Program. Keep up the good work in 1983!

BEACHBURG:

This is a small but very active Society. Public planting was carried out at the Cenotaph garden, and the Lion's Club entrance, with many perrenials and five dozen marigolds, petunias, and tulip bulbs. A spring flower show and July show were held. There was also a public film night.

DEEP RIVER:

The membership was down a little, and stood at 760 for 1982. Two flower shows were held in June and August. Public planting of zinnias, marigolds, dahlias, impatiens, and a large number of bulbs was undertaken at the Deep River Hospital. There were many roses planted in various beds. The Spring Show was held in conjunction with the community church tea, and was judged by Mrs. Lemke and Mr. Harvey Fraser. There were fifty youth members. A nature hike and a garden plot preparation were held. The Junior plots are adjacent to the Deep River Hospital where they can be seen by the recovering patients. Once again, the tool-loan service to the membership was well used and proved very popular. A door-to-door delivery of fertilizer to the town's people was carried out.

EGANVILLE:

The membership is 104. Public planting was carried out in flower beds at the local tourist building. Four shrubs were planted at the library, and 1,003 bulbs and flowers were planted in cedar planters. A bazaar and plant sale were held and a draw for a quilt was undertaken. A very interesting trip to the Cullen Gardens was much enjoyed by the membership.

GLOUCESTER:

The membership was 44. Two flower shows were held and were well attended. There was the Spring Show in May, and the Flower and Vegetable Show in August. Public planting was carried out at the Top Generation building and included 200 bulbs. There were a garden competition, a photographic competition and a poster competition. The Juniors are included with the Seniors in all shows, demonstrations, and the annual dinner.

KANATA-MARCH:

The membership held at 160. Public planting of 120 dozen plants was carried out in the Tom Thompson Park. Also included was re-sodding and the planting of rudbeckia, African daisy, gazania, ageratum, celosia, calendula, zinnia, and petunia. Two shows were held in the local shopping mall and proved very popular to the public. There was a photographic and garden competition. Forty-three youth members participated in the Junior Garden Competition. Equipment rental programs and plant sales coincide with the city's spring celebrations. A scholarship to a horticultural student was given once again.

KEMPTVILLE:

The membership was up to 172 Seniors and 67 Juniors. Public planting at the Post Office, Library, North Triangle and the Town Hall was carried out, and also at the Library in Oxford Mills. Trees and shrubs were planted in the park and annuals at the other locations. Tulips and daffodils were planted at the Post Office. Juniors participated in the Garden Competition. Their gardens were once again of a very high standard. A committee for the youth group visited all the schools with a film and seeds for the youth gardeners. Junior shows were held at the same time as the adult shows. A booth at Hey-Day raised $500 for the Hospital. Fifty tree hydrangeas were sold to the membership as well as many bulbs. Trips were arranged to local gardens and historical sights in the district. A bursary was presented to a student at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

MANOTICK:

The membership held at 49. This year a garden club at North Gower was formed and affiliated with the Manotick Society. A great deal of interest in horticulture is being generated in this area. Public planting was carried out, including the planting of 12 hanging baskets, three flower beds and a herb garden. Herbs, annuals and 2,500 bulbs were planted by the members. There were six flower shows held in conjunction with the meetings. Eleven Junior gardens were promoted, and the Juniors entered the District Competition. The flower shows were open to the public, and other community activities, in which the Society took part, included giving a donation to the local library and a donation to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

NEPEAN:

The membership was up to 264. Public planting was carried out at Cityview United Church and the Centennial Garden. There were five flower shows, four competitions and some youth gardens were promoted. A photographic competition for slides and prints was a success.

Congratulations go to the youth leaders for the hard work done on the Society's Junior Program, including nature trails, sessions on how to start cuttings, transplanting, etc. The making of flower arrangements and the making of Christmas decorations were well attended and enjoyed by all.

OTTAWA:

Membership increased slightly to 433. Public planting was carried out at the Old Forge Community Centre, the Causeway Work Centre, and Therapeutic Community Centre, as well as maintaining the Centennial Garden at City Hall with spring and fall plantings. A photographic competition was held and 153 entries were received. Twelve youth members took part with the seniors in that competition. Flower shows were held during the year. The Society also assisted with the International Lilac Convention in May, 1982. The 2-day District Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show was run by Trevor and Brenda Cole, and their committee and it was an outstanding success.

PAKENHAM:

The membership held at 156 Seniors and 26 Juniors. Public planting was done at the Community Centre; also window boxes were planted at the Royal Bank and the Township Office, and grass seed was sown at a newly established park. Thirty canna lilies and 120 flowering plants were put in. A photographic competition for both senior members and juniors proved very popular. Slides and prints were submitted. The youth program consisted of planting gardens with seeds and slips.

PEMBROKE:

The membership was down a little to 222. Public planting was carried out in twenty-one beds and six large planters. White and purple alyssum, red annual phlox, and some annual marigolds were planted. There were nine flower shows, a photographic competition, and a very popular demonstration of Christmas decorations and arrangements. The Junior Society was disbanded, owing to lack of interest, but it is hoped that they will again become active in 1983. The Society worked with the city in a tree replacement program. A spring tea and flower show was held. The Society also took part in a fall fair and quilt display. The Annual Christmas Banquet was held with a record attendance of over 200. Two students were hired to do work during the summer.

PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT:

The membership remained steady steady at 85. Public planting was carried out at the Centennial Park. Flower beds and pots were planted using white alyssum, white petunias, yellow dwarf and Cracker-Jack marigolds, and mauve mums. Two flower shows were held in the spring and the fall. Exhibits were entered in the Spring Fair. The Society hosted the 1982 District Meeting. The Youth gardens were entered in the District Junior Garden Competition, and won first prize in the Junior Class. Seeds were given to the Juniors for their gardens; prizes were awarded, and ribbons given for the winning gardens. A bus trip was arranged to the Rose Show at Belleville and was enjoyed by all.

STITTSVILLE-GOULBOURN:

The membership remained at 54 Seniors and 24 Juniors. Public planting was undertaken at the library, where bulbs and annuals were planted. It was a very good year for the Society with a selection of speakers and a good program. The Youth Program was excellent and the Youth Gardeners were entered in the District Competition.

DISTRICT 3

1981 District Director: Al Gardiner
1982 District Director: Harold Bartman

The District got off to an improved start when its Annual Meeting was held in April with an attendance of three times that of other years. The Prince Edward County (Picton) Society was the host. A new Society just being formed, Ameliasburg, was welcomed to the District.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY (PICTON):

The Prince Edward County Horticultural Society is currently enjoying a good membership acceptance. They have plantings at Main Street, the Cenotaph, the Library, Benson Park, Chapel Street Park, and Mary Street parking lot. In addition, they provide year-round care for rose beds at the Senior Citizen's Home. Classes for Juniors are included in their shows. All Juniors were given bulbs to plant. Flower arranging courses were conducted, and members gave horticultural therapy at the Senior Citizens' Home. Calling themselves, "The Earth Tones," a singing group of members performed 18 times in its first year, helping to spread the name of the Society.

AMELIASBURG:

The newest Society in the District, Ameliasburg, has an interested membership. They have a large planting project with both Annuals and bulbs being planted. Their show is included in the fall fair being held there, and garden tours include members, gardens and visits to other local attractions.

RIDEAU LAKES AND DISTRICT:

Rideau Lakes and District Society have an active membership of 127. With the 150th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal, there was an unlimited opportunity for their "Green Thumbers." We planted a bed at the park, with evergreeens euonymus, herbs and geraniums. The Flower Show had lots of exhibitors. With an anniversary theme being "Sunflower," they distributed 9,000 seeds and this carried over to the Flower and Vegetable Show. During the year, four plant and produce sales were held. A gardening column is provided in local newspapers. A plan for the future includes a project at the Westport Waterfront, and the encouragement of more people in community beautification.

STIRLING:

This Society was honoured to have the O.H.A. "Trillium Pin" presented to one of our members, Mrs. Elsie Armstrong. With the largest membership in the district, we have an active program of community betterment. We donated $500 to plant shrubs near the recreation park and another $500 to help beautification in the town for its 125th Anniversary. Tables and benches were placed beside the flower beds at the post office. Horticultural books were given to the library, and Easter lilies were given to ten area churches.

GANANOQUE:

Located in the picturesque Thousand Island area, an unusual setting for planters and flower beds, are the plantings at the "Half-Moon Bay" where church services are held for boaters in the summer. In addition, the members supplied 300 yards of soil to create beds at the historically restored Town Hall, and planted 500 bulbs and 250 flowers. An August flower show with 200 entries also featured a Junior section with 15 projects in which to compete. Pumpkin seeds and sunflower seeds were distributed to pupils of three schools, where encouragement was further given by the teachers.

TRENTON:

One of the newer Societies in the district, they are very active. They planted a hospital bed, corner plot and 11 flowering shrubs. They held a flower and vegetable show in August, where a Sunflower Growing Competition was included with 25 entries. They are a small but active membership and plan to expand their program and have more flower shows and field trips.

COLLINS BAY AND DISTRICT:

While being one of the smaller Societies in the district, their activities do not show it. They have continued plantings at their Township Hall, and beds and boxes at a church. They planted bulbs at the hospital and Flying Club Airport, and a maple tree at the Township Hall. Competitions were held at meetings. A Spring plant sale was held and they replaced fresh flowers or arrangements at the airport lounge weekly from August to December.

BROCKVILLE:

Brockville Horticultural Society continued a busy schedule of events. Their plantings included 18 flats of summer annuals planted and cared for throughout the year, and 12 flats in Sherwood Park Manor, and a maple tree planted for the Sesquicentennial celebra-

tions along with a further 125 bulbs at the school for next year's bloom. They held a rose show in June and a flower and vegetable show in August. A plant show and membership drive were held at the 1,000 Island Mall.

KINGSTON:

With a membership of 481, Kingston continues to have an active planting program. The Red Cross building was planted as was A.R.C. Industries, the public library, and the day care centre. A July and August flower show was held. The excess from members' gardens was sold at a spring plant sale. A garden tour of eight members' gardens was held. A pruning demonstration was held one cold morning. They plan to make a large donation to the Lemoin's Point Garden, to enable them to proceed with pathways, etc.

BELLEVILLE:

The Belleville Garden Club has continued this year to donate the produce grown on a city garden plot, as well as that gleaned from abandoned plots, to the Cheshire Home for Disabled Adults. Our annual Festival of Flowers drew over 900 people to view the 815 entries of roses, African violets and decorative arrangements. In the Trillium Award Competition, the collective decisions of 15 judges resulted in 41 awards, in residential, commercial, and industrial categories. The Garden Club was able to donate $2,000 to the Park's Board to replace the mums and to develop new fall-flowering and new variety beds.

DISTRICT 4 *District Director: Miss Hazel Wilson*

The communities where there are horticultural societies in District 4 must have been very colourful in 1982, for hundreds and hundreds of bedding plants, geraniums, roses and 5,900 bulbs were planted in more than 100 flower beds, containers, tubs and window boxes in our district.

The trees that were planted will provide spring colour, shade and home for the birds in the years to come, as well as help us to remember hard working members. Many Societies sponsor Junior groups and are preparing the future membership.

BOBCAYGEON:

— started a peony bed with 50 named varieties and will continue in 1983.

BRIGHTON:

— sponsored 150 Juniors and held their August flower show in conjunction with a craft and antique show.

CAMPBELLFORD:

— held their first annual flower and vegetable show with 300 entries, and hosted the district Spring Seminar.

COBOURG:

— changed its name to "Cobourg and District Garden Club."

COLBORNE:

— exchanged lists of speakers and judges with neighbouring societies. They held a Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Show.

FENELON FALLS:

— took part in the snow sculpture and the Santa Clause Parade.

KINMOUNT:

— held a house plant and vegetable show.

LINDSAY:

— had a slide contest, held mini-shows at regular meetings.

LAKEFIELD:

— August flower show was in conjunction with an antique show.

MINDEN:

— are working on a nature park.

NORLAND:

— shaped and trimmed trees in the park, and held their 25th Anniversary.

OMEMEE:

— hosted the District Flower Show, and are involved in a tree planting project.

PETERBOROUGH:

— held a lawn and garden competition for small and large industries, institutions, and service stations. They provided a plant for trays for "Meals-on-Wheels" at Christmas.

PORT HOPE:

— the "Snow Drop" of hope was chosen as the Society symbol. They held a yearbook competition, and their first mum show.

RICE LAKE:

— cut grass in parkettes. They held a photo competition and entered a float in the Santa Parade.

SOUTH HALDIMAND (GRAFTON):

— cut grass at the Cenotaph and provided poinsettias for "Meals-on-Wheels" and for the churches at Christmas.

To show off the best of their gardens, most Societies held rose shows, spring, summer and fall flower and vegetable shows for a total of more than 5000 entries.

Brighton hosted our Annual Meeting in November when Mr. John Warner spoke "Strategies for Insect and Disease Control in Apples and Small Fruits," and Mr. Gerry Cox presented "Four Seasons in Presqu'ille Park."

District 4 is hosting the Certified Judging School at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay. Three sessions were held in 1982 and we expect to be completed in 1983.

At the time of writing, a new Society is being organized in the Village of Coboconk, and we look forward to their participation in our district activities.

DISTRICT 5 *District Director: George A. Rickard*

My first year as District Director has been a very enjoyable experience. I have visited most Societies and have been warmly welcomed wherever I have gone. It is my observation that almost every Society is very active in public plantings and community beautification projects and continually promotes horticulture in a most professional manner. Although the overall membership of the District has not increased much, I find that the infusion of new members has given some of the Societies new life, new ideas, and by the quality of the flower shows, it is evident that the competition is very keen.

Youth activities are not as pronounced as in the past, but this is more than compensated for by society members working with school groups, Girl Guides and other youth groups. This all creates a general interest in the art of growing and showing.

During the past year, we held a day-long District Workshop on flower arranging, taking the mystery out of financial reports, new varieties in horticulture and a short demonstration on how to grow sweet peas successfully.

AGINCOURT:

This is a very active club, involved in public plantings in several local churches and senior citizens' homes, plus the maintenance of light units that the club has placed in six nursing homes. A total of nine flower shows were held during the year with some of these being staged in local shopping malls. Junior gardeners held ten monthly meetings and were involved in various workshops and youth competitions.

AURORA:

This is a real community-oriented group, with public plantings and flower shows held in local malls. One of these is held with

the Newmarket Society, a real co-operative venture. A total of 794 entries were exhibited in the shows. An active youth group and a professional approach has moved this Society forward.

EAST TORONTO HORTICULTURE AND DAHLIA SOCIETY:

Located in an older part of Toronto, this Society does very well with public plantings and flower shows. Ten monthly shows and one annual show. They also supplied volunteers to help man the O.H.A. booth at the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair.

EAST YORK GARDEN CLUB:

This group is active in public plantings on borough property. They conducted seven monthly flower shows with approximately 750 entries and entered competitions at the C.N.E. Flower Show and the Markham Fair. They are also involved with community horticulture activities and helped man the O.H.A. booth at the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair.

LAKE SIMCOE SOUTH SHORE:

A large public planting program in the community keeps this group very busy. There were approximately 3200 plants and bulbs planted. They held four monthly flower shows with approximately 760 entries, a photographic competition, and also worked with the Sutton and Virginia Girl Guides.

MARKHAM HORTICULTURAL:

Public plantings and community work keep this society in the forefront. They have flower shows with approximately 600 entries and an active junior group.

MOUNT ALBERT:

Although a small society, their presence is certainly felt in Mount Albert with public plantings and flower shows. A large junior group participates in all activities and enters competitions at the C.N.E. and the Royal Winter Fair.

NEWMARKET:

This group has a large public planting program in the town of Newmarket, and window boxes on senior citizens' homes. They held seven monthly flower shows, one of these shared with the Aurora Society.

NORTH TORONTO:

A 2-day Annual Flower Show held in the Civic Garden Centre is a large feature of this society. As well, they have monthly shows. They also maintain a therapeutic gardening program at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

NORTH YORK:

A public planting program and flower show with a total of over 1200 entries keeps this society busy. Workshops are held for children at Bloorview Hospital and Fairview Public Library. Plants are supplied at Christmas for the "Meals-on-Wheels" program. Maintaining garden plots at the York Cemetery is a popular program as well.

RIVERDALE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:

This is a small society, but very determined to maintain a good gardening program and interest in horticulture. Six flower shows are held with keen competition. This society more than pulls its load in all community activities.

SCARBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:

A large increase in membership enables this society to really get involved in community work. They have a number of public plantings and four major and six mini flower shows.

STOUFFVILLE:

Flower shows, public plantings, and community work keep this society busy. They have photographic competitions and instructional programs. Many members participate in local fairs.

RHODODENDRON SOCIETY:

This is a very professional group dedicated to the culture of rhododendrons and azaleas. Public plantings in Edwards Gardens are maintained. Workshops and instructional meetings make up the program for this group.

UNIONVILLE:

Although a small society, Unionville Horticultural Society has an impressive planting program. Five flower shows are held. They are also involved with judging the Rate Payers' Association Garden Contest.

YORK ROSE AND GARDEN:

Here we have a very active society with a growing membership. No activity report at this time.

DISTRICT 6 *District Director: John E. Simkins*

Highlights of the year were the presentation of an O.H.A. Charter to the new Delhi Society, and the winning of first prize at the Pool and Patio Show for flower arranging. The District's Award was presented to Ray Halward, on his retirement from the R.B.G. for his work with our society over the years.

ANCASTER:

The town plantings were continued with 200 bulbs for spring flowers, followed by annuals for summer and fall colour. The June Rose Show and September Flower and Vegetable Shows were quite popular. The photographic competition attracted 130 slides. The judges' remarks pointed out how each could be improved, and explained the points that made the winners. The annual meeting was a festive event and was followed by a concert.

BRANTFORD:

Raising and spending about $9,000 a year certainly shows the high activity level of the members of the Brantford Garden Club. They plant and maintain six flower beds containing boxes of annuals and geraniums. They also maintain a fragrant garden of flowering trees and annuals at the Ross MacDonald School for the Blind. Their spring and fall shows are a community "event." The shows include lectures and demonstrations. Fund raising projects included the sale of geranium plants and plant sales at meetings and shows. The Garden Therapy group was active at Participation House.

BRONTE:

This year's efforts were limited to bulb plantings at General Wolfe School as part of the youth activity work. Other youth work with the Girl Guides includes forcing bulbs and propagating plants from cuttings. The format of the regular meetings was changed from "seminar" to "lecture." This allowed the members to participate more. Four of the eight meetings were of this type and were the best attended. Subjects covered were: propagating from cuttings, forcing bulbs, flower arranging, and Christmas decorating.

DUNDAS:

Five flower beds and three planters containing bulbs, geraniums, and petunias brightened up the Community Centre and several churches in Dundas. The Spring Flower Show drew 106 entries. The youth group prepared a yearbook and a scrap book and learned how to propagate plants from cuttings. The Society worked with the town in the Annual Flower and Vegetable Garden Competition.

OAKVILLE:

Two perennial beds, and a tree peony bed were tended and planted with annuals. Junipers were donated to St. Simon's and Knox Churches, and bulbs were donated for planting at Oakville Christian School. The society celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and the town used the society logo in the main planting at St. George's Square. Members worked with Brownies to plant flower cuttings and vegetable seedlings and hyacinths. Over 100 clay pots were donated to the General Wolfe School horticultural group. The

society ran flower arranging and "pine cone wreath making" classes, a spring plant sale, an Arbor Day display at the mall, and hosted the Annual District 6 Meeting.

PORT DOVER AND WOODHOUSE:

This society planted a number of trees on town streets, and a memorial Mountain Ash in Selkirk, supporting Arbor Day at three schools. They also planted over a dozen flower urns and some flower beds using annual flowers.

SIMCOE AND DISTRICT:

Public plantings were made in flower beds, including a new one in front of the cemetery. In addition, six pyramidal cedars were planted. They had a spring and fall show, plus seven monthly shows. A member takes slides of all the Society's activities during the year and writes a story to go with them. The slides were shown and the story told at the annual meeting.

ST. GEORGE:

This society planted eight flower beds with bulbs, followed by annuals. The township hall landscaping was started with the planting of shrubs and roses. Three red maples were planted in the new Water Works' Park. They held a rose show and a fall show which attracted 155 entries. Youth work consisted of encouraging entries in the Junior division of the fall show. This is showing some growth. The society entered a float in the Lion's Club Parade, visited a member's iris garden, and held plant sales in May and September.

STONEY CREEK:

Town planting was a major project with the planting of ten areas, in parks and around public buildings. The society had a tulip show in May and a flower and vegetable show in September. This drew 278 entries.

WATERFORD:

This society maintains three parks, including the lawns, shrubs and trees. They planted flower beds in the parks, using 1,347 plants. The new park at Waterford Lake was planted with some trees to fill in those planted as a result of tornado damage. A total of 60 trees was planted to fill other areas damaged by the tornado. Youth work consisted of helping 41 young members to plant seeds and grow specimens for the Annual Show. A garden competition was held which helped beautify the town. Other activities included a plant auction, bus trips, production of a yearbook and building up the ferns at the Waterford Lake park.

WINONA:

This society plants and maintains flower beds with annuals, perennials, and also a rhododendron garden. Youth work consisted of arranging for and assisting the children of Winona Public School to plant annuals around the school. The society inspected the local gardens and awarded beautification certificates.

BURLINGTON:

Public plantings of marigolds, bulbs and perennials were made in public areas and around several schools. The society held two main flower shows. An apple pie contest is a traditional contest, as is the community project of the Civic Rose Award. This is a town-wide garden competition with 94 plaques being awarded by the Mayor. Youth work includes tours of Kelly's Greenhouse, rooting and potting of coleus and geraniums in the schools, and planting bulbs and perennials around the schools. A lot of time goes to youth work.

GLEN MORRIS:

This society planted beds with tulips, trees, shrubs, and boxes of annuals. The spring, summer, and Christmas shows brought out many entries. Youth work is with the Girl Guides, Path Finders, and Brownies on making displays for shows. A bus trip to the Royal Winter Fair, and two plant sales rounded out the year's activities.

FLAMBOROUGH:

Major planting of bulbs, annuals, and trees were made at Wentworth Heritage Village, Greenville Fire Hall, Westfield School and Millgrove United Church. Flower shows were held in May and August. Pumpkin pie and pumpkin carving competitions livened up the October meeting. Judges include members of the local paper. Youth work includes planting seeds and flowers and entering the annual show. The members provided floral decorations for the grand opening of the Community Centre. The trip to Cullen Gardens was a popular item.

GEORGETOWN:

In addition to the regular meetings, three shows were held. The May show drew 90 entries; the June show, which included the Strawberry Festival, attracted 142 entries; and the Fall show had 92 entries.

LYNDEN:

This small society planted bulbs and plants in the Lynden Community Park and at Heritage Village. They held two annual shows and monthly arrangement competitions. A donation was made for shrubs for the Copetown Lion's Park for planting in 1983.

MILTON AND DISTRICT:

This society plants and maintains flower beds around the base of three service club signs at different entrances to Milton. They provide interior landscaping for the library. They run a community beautification competition with two winners in each of six categories. The youth group makes posters, goes on wild flower walks, collects weeds for drying, makes a Mother's Day corsage and forces pots of bulbs for the senior citizens.

HAMILTON:

This society maintains a rose garden and replaced several bushes this year. Six flower shows were held with a total of 689 entries. Members participated in the City of Hamilton Front-Garden Competitions and judged 60 entries.

MOUNT HAMILTON:

An oak and a dogwood were planted at the Royal Botanical Gardens and Mount Hamilton Cemetery respectively, and a bed of annuals was put in at Hope Haven Homes. About 3,000 spring bulbs were obtained and sold to members for planting in their gardens. The fall show had many competitors. One hundred plants were donated to the "Meals-on-Wheels" program for delivery to their clients. Members assisted the City of Hamilton's Beautification Program by judging gardens.

DISTRICT 7

District Director: Mrs. (George) Marjorie Durnford

With assistance from District 8, our major project in 1982 was hosting the O.H.A. Convention at the University of Guelph.

Some of our members participated in Horticulture Day at the University of Guelph arboretum, arranged by Arboretum Director Dr. Erik Jorgensen when Guelph Horticulture Society was saluted on its 130th Anniversary.

We were pleased to have made available in 1982, for the first time, the H. E. Markle Honour Award for a District youth competition. It was held along with the long-standing District Flower Arranging Competition of the Hipel Trophy. The response in both competitions was good.

At the O.H.A. 1982 Fall Board Meeting, approval was given for the division of District 7 and it was decided that the Counties of Dufferin and Wellington with 15 societies, be designated as District 7, and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo with ten societies, be designated as District 19. The division will take place the time of the 1984 O.H.A. Convention.

As I say "farewell" as District Director, I would like to say "thank you" to the many wonderful people whom I have been privileged to get to know and work with during my term of office.

ALMA AND DISTRICT:

Maples were planted at entrances to Alma, and a flower bed at

each of two churches, the welcome sign and a play area. There were many entries in the iris show in June, the rose show in July, and the fall flower and vegetable shows. Under the leadership of two society members, the Juniors took part in the youth programs, attending monthly meetings when such things as garden plantings, starting plants, forcing bulbs, flower arranging, and preparing vegetables for the show were discussed and demonstrated. The older children planted creative gardens, and the Juniors followed a traditional format.

ARTHUR:

The seven flower beds in the village required 60 geraniums and 65 boxes of annuals, a fire bush, some calla lilies and tulip bulbs; the latter are planted every three years. There were four flower shows — May, June, August and October. Other Society activities included flower arranging classes, a draw for roses and shrubs, a float in the Fall Fair Parade, and financial assistance to the Fall Fair Board for Junior work. There were 37 members in the youth group.

AYR:

Most of the public planting money went for grass, shrubs and trees around Ayr's new apartment building. Seedlings were given to people to plant in their own yards. Several plots were maintained around the village and barrel planters were also maintained in the downtown area. There was one flower show in May.

CLIFFORD AND DISTRICT:

Four beds were planted with bulbs, annuals, and perennials, as well as twenty planters with annuals, some in the park and some on the main street. There was no separate program for Juniors, but they were encouraged and invited to take part in the summer show. There were classes for two age groups: 6 - 11 years, and 12 - 16 years.

ELMIRA:

Bulbs and plants were set out around town, as well as three English oaks, four maples and one filbert tree. Seeds and seedlings were distributed to youth members whose gardens were judged, and who exhibited vegetables and flowers at a show. A society project that proved enjoyable and successful was a tour of three local gardens.

ELORA AND SALEM:

Norway maples, large planters and flower beds were planted and maintained. There were 423 entries in the two flower shows that we held. Competitions were held for lawns and gardens, as well as a photographic competition. Pumpkin and zinnia seeds were given to children who had gardens. Ten children had entries in the Flower and Vegetable Show and twelve competed in the society's flower arranging competition. A special project of the society in 1982 was the planting of two catalpa trees in honour of the village's sesquicentennial.

ERIN:

In co-operation with the Municipal Council, the Society made trees available to home owners for street planting at reduced cost. Flower beds with tulips followed by annuals were maintained by members. Hanging baskets were placed on Main Street. There is no youth group, but there are classes for children at both the June and August shows. A memorial service was conducted at the cemetery.

FERGUS AND DISTRICT:

The flower beds and large planters that were planted and maintained required 400 bulbs, 50 geraniums and about 200 boxes of petunias. Fifty trees were planted around town. The Spring Flower Show and the Summer Flower and Vegetable Show were well attended. The competitions for over-all landscaping flower gardens, vegetable gardens, apartment balconies and patios, drew over 40 entries. Seeds were provided for faithful youth gardeners. Each one received a trophy donated by a local jeweller. Along with town officials, the Society is in the process of landscaping a new park.

GALT:

Flower beds were planted with spring flowering bulbs and annuals. A spring show and a summer show were held with classes for children at each one. The Society had a display at the local fall fair. There were garden competitions for homes and industries.

GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT:

Public plantings consisted of varying sizes: at the library, the Cenotaph, the medical centre, and Community Centre, the senior citizens' apartment, a main street intersection and the south entrance to town. In addition, there were flower pots on the Main Street. There was one flower show with twenty classes, plus seven specials for adults and four specials for children. Other activities: a plant sale, a bus trip to Cullen Gardens, a picnic and a pot luck supper.

GUELPH SOCIETY:

Public plantings included street trees, bulbs and plants in over forty flower beds around the city, in a crest bed in a local park at the Home for the Aged, and at a Children's Centre. There were four monthly shows and five outreach shows. The outdoor competitions drew 96 entries in various classes for residential gardens, industrial, and commercial and apartment buildings. The society celebrated its 130th Anniversary in 1982, and featured that occasion in its annual yearbook. The members and their friends enjoyed four tours. Twenty-one youth members had gardens and attended meetings. Some of the youth had entries and received awards in the O.H.A. Competitions at the Convention, at the C.N.E., and the Royal Winter Fair.

GUELPH TOWNSHIP:

A bluehaven Juniper was planted at the Township Municipal Building to commemorate the Society's 60th Anniversary. White ash were planted in the Guelph Township Recreational Park and at a school in a neighbouring township. Other public plantings consisted of annuals at the cairn, marking a pioneer seminar, in two large flower beds in the township park, and in flower boxes at the gate-house to the park. The photographic competition drew 54 entries. There were competitions for vegetable gardens and for house surroundings. Other activities included a plant sale at the Guelph Market, and joint meeting with the Guelph City Horticultural Society on the topic of conservation. The youth club had four meetings, plus a garden tour and picnic. A special project was the making of posters to publicize the 60th Anniversary of the Guelph Township Horticultural Society. The children helped to plant geraniums and petunias at the local school as well.

HARRISTON AND DISTRICT:

Geraniums, cannas, begonias, and annuals were used in street barrels at the entrances to town, and at public buildings. Three lilacs and 175 bulbs were planted in the new River Bank Park. Six prizes were given in the Yearbook Cover Competition. For the first time, the Society became involved in Minto Township parks, where trees were planted. Other plantings included evergreens at the township building and marigolds and ageratum at the base of the 1984 International Plowing Match sign south of town. A project of the youth members was taking geranium cuttings which they later planted. The young people also took part in the shows and planted their own creative gardens. Projects were organized by the youth leaders with the help of a senior adviser.

HESPELER:

Two large flower beds were planted and maintained, as well as ten hanging baskets on a pergola in the park and thirty planters in the area. The society competed with two other local Societies in a flower bed competition sponsored by the Municipal Council. Some members gave demonstrations to other groups in the community and some judged industrial grounds.

HILLSBURGH:

Boxes of plants were set out in beds at the Municipal Office, the medical centre, in four cemeteries and fourteen planters on the main street, and in a wishing well at the entrance to Hillsburgh. Seven children took part in the August show. Trophies were presented at the Pot Luck supper.

KITCHENER:

Bulbs and annuals, plus some perennials and shrubs were planted in the 9-1/2 acres in Rockway Gardens. Planters with foliage and flowering plants were set up in the City Hall foyer, and similar planters were placed at the Centre-in-the-Square foyer. These were changed as required. There were five outdoor garden competitions as follows: residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and vegetable. Other projects included Christmas decorations at City Hall, the Farmers' Market, Rockway Gardens, Speakers Corner and the Federal Building.

MARYBOROUGH TOWNSHIP:

Bulbs and annuals were planted in flower beds at two churches, the Township Hall, the Community Centre and in the local park, as well as in two tubs at the entrance to Moorefield. Members made corsages for a nursing home tea. Other activities included plant and bulb sales in the spring and fall, and a tour of a local greenhouse.

MOUNT FOREST:

Bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs were planted in the following places: entrance to town, agricultural grounds, parks, the cemetery, the Curling Club, the Senior Citizens' Hall, the Municipal Buildings, the Public Utilities building, the library, the Legion Hall, hospital grounds, the business section and the river bank. Trees and shrubs planted on the river bank completed phase one of the project. Youth memberships increased to 40 in 1981. Members were recruited in the public and separate schools in March. They planted gardens with four kinds of vegetables and four kinds of flowers from seed. Teams entered the District Flower Arranging Competition. Some youth members had entries in the local Agricultural Fair.

ORANGEVILLE AND DISTRICT:

Flower beds varying in size were planted at the following locations in town: the high school, the jail, the County Court House, the hospital, the Legion Hall, the Fire Hall, the railway station and the Presbyterian Church. Some of these have flowering shrubs which are kept pruned. The Society gave a $50 award to the student with the highest marks in environmental science in Grade 12 at Orangeville District High School. Other activities included the monthly newsletter and the yearbook, two members each writing weekly horticultural columns in two local papers, booths at the Fall Fair and the County Trade Exposition, participation in the Canadian Rose Society Annual Show, a Christmas pot luck supper and two bus trips.

PRESTON:

Public planting included flower boxes on the Speed River bridge, planters around the municipality, and the competition flower bed, the latter being in competition with beds of the other two Horticultural Societies within the City of Cambridge. Bulbs and flowers planted totalled 400. One flower show was held. There were four youth members. Other activities included a bus trip, a picnic and a Christmas dinner.

ST. JACOBS:

Daffodil and tulip bulbs were followed by geraniums and bedding plants in the 17 street boxes and flower beds. A plant auction that netted over $500 from donated plants was a time of fun and entertainment. The society hosted the District Annual Meeting.

SHELBURNE AND DISTRICT:

Bulbs, geraniums, and boxes of plants were required for the public planting projects. The June show had 65 classes and 257 entries, and the August show with 83 classes had 393 entries. The Society joined the Fair Board for the Lawn and Garden Competition which had two classes (town homes and rural homes).

WATERLOO:

The Society planted and cared for 1,860 square feet of annual flower beds and much more. Other Society projects included selling rose bushes at cost at the Rose Meeting in April, entering a float with a decorated horse-drawn wagon in Waterloo's 125th Anniversary Parade, and having a yearbook that contained horticultural information and advertising.

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP:

To honour the 150th Anniversary of the Township, ten red maples were planted at five community centres. The Society planted flower beds in four villages, boxes in two villages, pots on bridges in one village and a flower bed and evergreens at the Township Hall.

WILMOT:

Flower beds were planted with geraniums, petunias, marigolds, salvia and dusty miller. Over 500 red geraniums were used. There was one flower show with 102 entries. The outdoor competitions were held as follows: rose gardens; vegetable gardens; farm properties; town and country homes; industrial, commercial and institutional grounds; junior gardens. Free seeds were given to the children and they showed their produce at the horticultural booth at the local fall fair.

DISTRICT 8 *District Director: Maisie Bray*

Societies in District 8 continue to beautify their communities with public planting of trees, shrubs, and flower beds, at public buildings and park areas.

South Port was organized in 1982 by a combined effort of Southampton and Port Elgin communities.

The District was privileged to help with the Convention in 1982 by hosting the Thursday evening party and dance. Many thanks to all those societies who contributed so generously to our share of the convention expenses.

The Markdale Society hosted the District Convention for the first time and celebrated 75 years of service to their community. It was a real pleasure to present their charter. I am very pleased to announce that there has been a 100% representation of societies at the past 5 district conventions.

AUBURN SOCIETY:

Auburn is a small society which beautifies the community with public plantings of flower beds and hanging baskets. They have floral displays at their meetings, which are quite interesting.

BAYFIELD SOCIETY:

This society was organized just 3 years ago and have plenty of enthusiasm. This society makes use of hanging baskets and flower beds. They planted some sugar maples and have a Wild Flower Sanctuary.

BLYTH SOCIETY:

This group has the largest membership in the district. They planted large numbers of annuals and bulbs in numerous beds and hanging baskets. Meetings include some good speakers.

BRUSSELS SOCIETY:

Brussels is a small society but very involved in public planting, with shrubs, annuals and bulbs in beds and parks. They hold a Rose Show and the annual show starts off with a turkey dinner!

CHESLEY SOCIETY:

This society was organized in 1884, but became dormant a few years later. It was reorganized in 1924 with continued activity. Public plantings consist of shrubs in containers, and many flower beds.

CLINTON SOCIETY:

This group continues their public planting program, planting tulip beds and giving tulips as premiums. They hold a Rose Show and Annual Show.

DURHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This society holds an Annual Show and a Mini Christmas Show, and participate in the community fair. They continue with their public planting program, using shrubs and window boxes.

EASTNOR SOCIETY:

Public plantings consist of many foundation plantings, flower beds and window boxes, and several small parks. They held 2 competitive shows and an extremely successful 3-day non-competitive Flower Fantasy and Hobby Fair.

GODERICH SOCIETY:

The Goderich Garden Club maintain a very large flower bed and shrubs, etc. They held a successful flower festival, "Milestones", which turned out to be a very interesting project.

HANOVER SOCIETY:

Hanover have extensive public plantings in the form of window boxes on bridges, and flower beds about town. They hold an annual show in which young people are involved and encouraged to enter.

KINCARDINE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This is a relatively new society with lots of enthusiasm. They planted 24 half barrels, and beds, with annuals throughout the town. They held a very successful flower show.

LUCKNOW AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

Large numbers of annuals and bulbs were planted throughout the town. They held a spring flower display and an annual show. They supported a "Summer Canada" project to plant 50 trees, built flower boxes, created a picnic area and also did some painting. This program hired 2 students.

MARKDALE SOCIETY:

The Markdale Society celebrated 3/4's of a century of service to their community. Congratulations! This group makes use of the R.B.G. Outreach Program, bus trips, and started their town planting project.

OWEN SOUND SOCIETY:

The Owen Sound Society, located in our largest centre, have been an active group since 1869. They co-operate with the Businessmen and the Parks Board in providing plants and maintaining large areas of flower beds, planters, and foundation plantings throughout the city. They hold a spring and annual show with 3 mini shows at summer meetings. They sponsor Allotment Gardens, with competitions, and also sponsor a photographic competition.

RIPLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This is another of our smaller, but active societies. They plant a number of flower beds, 1 rose bed, with others planted to bulbs and annuals. They held a garden tour and participated in an exhibitor's school.

SEAFORTH SOCIETY:

The Seaforth Society continues with their public planting, by filling many boxes, several beds and other areas with annuals and bulbs. They hold an annual show including classes for youth. They hold bus trips, plant sales, and participate in 2 farmers' markets, and entered a float in the Santa Claus Parade. This group uses the R.B.G. Outreach Program and sponsors an active youth group.

SOUTH PORT SOCIETY:

The South Port Society was organized in 1982 with 82 members, ending up with 125 members for their first year. They started their public planting with tulips in flower beds at the nursing home. They are planning an Herb Garden at the Bruce County Museum and hope to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Southampton with a special flower bed.

TARA SOCIETY:

This group was organized originally in 1884 with several on-again/off-again sessions when involved with fruit growers and agricultural societies. They have been reorganized and active since 1924. This society holds two flower shows and encourages their youth with special classes.

TEESWATER — CULROSS SOCIETY:

Their tree planting projects saw Red, Silver and Norway Maples planted in Teeswater. Flower beds are planted to annuals. They held their first flower show in several years with very good results. They had interesting speakers at their meetings. This society helps the South Port Society with establishing an herb garden at the Bruce County Museum.

WINGHAM SOCIETY:

The Wingham Society continues to co-operate with the town in their tree planting program. Extensive plantings of bulbs and annuals are carried out and maintained in beds as well.

DISTRICT 9 *District Director: Doris Lightheart*

With 1982 behind us, we now look back and reflect with a good deal of satisfaction on the activities of a very busy year. Hosting the 75th Anniversary Convention was a challenge. We also held a six week Basic Design Course with good participation from 8 societies.

It has been a pleasure for Cliff and I to serve in District 9. We are grateful for all the friendships formed over the years.

BERTIE SOCIETY:

We held flower shows and hosted the District 9 Annual Meeting. In July, we held a "Garden Walk" with three of our members opening their gardens. A bus trip to Cullen Gardens at Whitby was enjoyed by our members. For the 75th Anniversary of the O.H.A., we did a street tree-planting at the Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery of 9 Ruby Red Maples.

DUNNVILLE SOCIETY:

With a membership of 160, we held 7 very educational meetings, a Rose Show at Grandview Lodge which is a senior citizens' lodge, a flower and vegetable show in August, and a dinner and awards night in October. 86 homes were judged and 20 trillium awards given. Shade trees were planted. The town bought additional property to enlarge "Wingfield Park" along the Grand River, where we maintain Martin Houses and flower beds.

FORT ERIE SOCIETY:

We held 6 open meetings, a plant sale, 3 flower shows and a dinner. The Rose Show was held in the mall, all other meetings at the Public Library. Trees, shrubs, annuals and bulbs were planted at the International Bridge, Town Hall, the library and the Douglas Memorial Hospital. Some hired student help was used in weeding, but many hours of volunteer work was done as well.

GRIMSBY SOCIETY:

Being a very active club, we had a rose show in June, and a flower and vegetable show in August, at which time our junior club made 40 entries. A very good showing from our active junior club! We had 2 plant sales and made an exhibit for Canada Week held in Grimsby park. We also have a column, the "Garden Diary", in the local paper. A demonstration on pruning was popular and was given at the Vineland Station. Extensive plantings were done in the city centre.

GARDEN CITY SOCIETY (ST. CATHARINES):

We held regular meetings which were all well attended and we worked with the Parks and Recreation Department in the beauti-

fication and Arbor Day plantings. Bursaries of $100.00 were given to local schools, and a $1,000.00 bursary to the Heideloff Home for the Aged for tree plantings. A terrarium and an oil painting were given to the society, on which we sold tickets. We also held a plant sale, and a poinsettia sale.

NIAGARA FALLS SOCIETY:

Our membership held regular meetings with a mini-show at each, also a rose show and a flower and vegetable show were well supported. We assisted in a spring show sponsored by the City of Niagara Falls and ended the year with a dinner. A complete renovation of plantings in flower beds at Y.W.C.A. was done, as well as 14 other beds in the city. A $50.00 award was given to a student at Lord Elgin School. We purchased a shipment of bulbs from Holland which we sold to members to encourage the growing of some different varieties of flowers.

THE NIAGARA SOCIETY (NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE):

Our programs were varied and included Basic Orchid Culture, Conifers and Broadleaf Evergreens, Iris, Perennials and Dwarf Plants. Because this was our Bicentennial year we also had a program on Early Iroquois Plants, on Conservation of Wild Flowers, and Today's Perennials and Annuals. We entered a float in the Homecoming Parade which received an honourable mention. Our gift to the town for the Bicentennial was a planting of Orange Red Impatients on Picton Street, from King to Wellington.

PORT COLBORNE SOCIETY:

We held regular meetings at the Guild Hall and Board Meetings in the homes. We have a show at each meeting, as well as a rose show in June. Our society promoted the red geranium as the Civic Flower of Port Colborne, doing a large planting at the CNR Station. Other plantings were done at the Marine Museum and the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Centre. As usual we placed flowers each week in the Public Library.

PELHAM SOCIETY:

We held regular meetings with speakers, or slides of interest to members and horticultural friends, and also had several small and 1 large fall flower show. We provided seeds and plants for students at local schools. We also did numerous plantings in the Fenwick and Pelham areas. We provided a bursary to students at E.L. Crossley and Westbrook Schools.

STAMFORD SOCIETY:

With an increased membership, our society won the Lightheart Trophy for 1981. We extended our civic plantings to the Lion's Park in Chippawa. Donations were made to students at Lord Elgin School, Fireman's Park and the Boy Scouts for tree planting. We hosted the Basic Design Course provided by the Outreach program through the Royal Botanical Gardens. Over 40 attended from societies in District 9.

SMITHVILLE SOCIETY:

A large Rose Show and Tea was held in June, as we celebrated our 60th Anniversary. We also had a good show in conjunction with the Smithville Fall Fair. 27 of our Juniors exhibited at this show also. Seeds were provided to the juniors in April at a special meeting, and as a result 23 gardens were judged in July, with awards given. We ended the season with a dinner and a presentation by two members of the Lion's Club who are in the process of establishing a new park area for the town.

THOROLD SOCIETY:

We held regular meetings with mini flower shows, special displays, a pre-meeting neighbourhood walking tour, and a special Christmas show and meeting. We held a major plant sale, a tree planting ceremony, a planting bee for annuals for various areas in the city, published a regular newsletter, provided trees for public plantings and had a Society Display Table at other functions in the area. We also provided special student awards.

WELLAND SOCIETY:

With 167 members we held 7 regular meetings with speakers or demonstrations. In April we held a workshop on decorating Easter eggs. Members attended the convention in Niagara Falls, as well as district meetings. We had a tour this fall of the greenhouse at Niagara Park. Our rose show, held in conjunction with the Rose Festival, drew over 390 entries.

DISTRICT 10 *District Director: Mrs. Mary Yeoman*

The early March Farm Show and the September Fair displays at the Western Fairgrounds, London, preceded a mudding-in at the International Plowing Match, Lucan. All these events brought new contacts with people from inside and outside the four counties of District 10.

October 16 produced a heavy blanket of early morning snow that made travel slow for the 135 delegates to our Annual Meeting, hosted by the London Society. O.H.A. President, Bryce Japp, spoke stressing the need to involve youth and young adults in our horticultural endeavours. People from Tillsonburg were especially welcomed as they were well into the proceedings of establishing a society. It has been a pleasure to attend various functions and meetings of societies. The warmth of the welcome and the sincere efforts put forth to promote horticulture promises an even greener future for District 10.

RODNEY SOCIETY:

The Rodney Society planted and maintained 7 sites, involving students in this work. They have established connections with the Rodney Fall Fair, upping the number of entries, and also have become involved with the local 4-H Conservation Club. Community tree planting is a special interest.

ST. THOMAS SOCIETY:

This group has June and Autumn shows. Senior citizen homes are planted with annuals, perennials, and bulbs. 8 open meetings included 2 plant sales. Bus trips were arranged for the education and enjoyment of the members.

WEST LORNE SOCIETY:

Tree plantings are a major project with special preference for trees uncommon, but native to the area. Public plantings of annuals are continued.

LAMBETH SOCIETY:

The Lambeth Horticultural Society have extensive public plantings, a June Rose and Flower Show, and a September Vegetable Show. They also conducted a workshop on making small arrangements, as well as a photographic workshop, and a large display at the Western Fair. Youth work is active — garden competitions, poster competitions, annuals donated to schools for students to plant.

LONDON SOCIETY:

This society has 4 shows, 1 major in conjunction with the Home and Garden Show at the Western Fairgrounds. We judged at, and recognized winners of, horticultural projects at school science fairs. We had a large marigold display at the Western Fair, and judged gardens for the city Trillium Award program. We also had active participation in the International Plowing Match, with speakers, a display at the banquet hall, and helped with the O.H.A. display. We had a floral display for the Chinese Festival as well.

STRATHROY SOCIETY:

The Strathroy Horticultural Society had Spring and August flower shows, public plantings, and monthly meetings in the Public Library. Public plantings and encouragement were given to juniors, who entered town and country fairs.

INGERSOLL SOCIETY:

500 packages of vegetable seeds were sent to the Caribbean. Shrubs were planted at the senior citizens centre, where meetings are held. Plant sales and exchanges were conducted. Larger trees

and shrubs were placed at the town mall, and 90 hanging pots were hung on main street. Displays of flowers, fruits and vegetables were held at the Town Cheese Festival. Recognition was given to create 10, 11, and 12 Environmental Science students.

TILLSONBURG SOCIETY:

A new society! Officers were installed November 2. Meetings were held with competitions and plant sales. We had a display in the Public Library. Books were donated to the Library as a thank you for the meeting room provided.

WOODSTOCK SOCIETY:

This society held a display and plant sale at the Home, Garden and Sports Show, and a large May Plant Auction. Money was raised from 6 years of bus trip profits to be used for Centennial '83 projects and events. The junior society successfully participated in the O.H.A. Convention, and the Royal Winter Fair. We had a record number of entries in the flower and vegetable show, held at the Woodstock Fair, and gave $800.00 to the Fair Board to help with prize monies given. Garden flowers were placed each Sunday in the hospital chapel.

KIRKTON SOCIETY:

The Kirkton Horticultural Society has a "Festival of Flowers" summer show with adult and junior exhibitors. We display at the Kirkton Fair. Poster competitions are held in 3 local schools. Planting is done at the Community Centre, where meetings are held, and at other special locations in the area.

ST. MARYS SOCIETY:

Extensive town plantings are kept. They conduct August and September Shows, and competitions in schools. Posters are used to advertise shows. Cards of commendation are sent to homes in the community recognizing well kept lawns and gardens. We had a prize winning float in the fair parade. Books are placed in the Public Library as well.

STRATFORD SOCIETY:

Four civic beautification awards are given. Extensive public plantings, annual and perennial, are kept, and we maintain hanging baskets in the city core area. The Exhibit and Floral Design Committee staged 4 standard shows, and a major show. Three design courses were conducted. The society had a float in the city's Sesquicentennial Parade. Local and far away trips are conducted.

DISTRICT 11 *District Director: Charles Bowyer*

AMBASSADOR SOCIETY:

This society helped with the cost of landscaping of the Central United Church. 72 boxes of petunnias were given to senior citizens. They held two flower shows, and two members attended the judging school.

ESSEX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

Essex planted several flower beds with bulbs and annuals. They planted an 8 foot Blue Spruce at the Town Hall. 2 members are attending the judging school.

FORT MALDEN SOCIETY:

Fort Malden has an active Junior Garden Program. Some of their activities include having speakers and slides at meetings and an auction sale of plants. 2 members are attending the judging school. The society has just received approval from the town to design and plant a small town park and a large flower bed at 1 of the other parks.

GREATER WINDSOR SOCIETY:

3 flower beds are planted with bulbs and annuals. They conduct five flower shows, and have a very active junior society. Program consists of slides, speakers, and a bazaar, and a green thumb table.

KINGSVILLE SOCIETY:

This society has 4 large gardens planted, 1 flower show, workshops, and speakers, and sends gifts to shut-ins.

LEAMINGTON SOCIETY:

The Leamington Horticultural Society is busy with the planting of trees and gardens. 2 members are attending the judging school.

BLENHEIM-HARWICH SOCIETY:

This group planted 6 flower beds and had 1 flower show. They have an active junior society. Some members are attending the judging school.

CHATHAM SOCIETY:

The Chatham Horticultural Society had 1 flower show, and several public plantings.

DRESDEN AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This society is involved in the planting of trees and flower beds. They had a successful flower show, and 1 slide presentation.

RIDGETOWN AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This horticultural society plants large amounts of flower beds, has 1 flower show, bus trips, and hangs flower baskets. They had a display at the Ridgetown Fair, greenhouse tours, an R.B.G. Flower Arranging Course, and attend the Judging School Course.

THAMESVILLE SOCIETY:

The Thamesville Horticultural Society planted several flower beds and window boxes. Planters were filled with bulbs and annuals. This group also held 1 flower show.

PETROLIA AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This group held 1 flower show. This society is a new one, and is showing great potential in horticultural work.

WALLACEBURG SOCIETY:

They planted 67 flower beds, landscaped a small riverside park with shrubbery, and a large raised flower bed, and held 1 flower show. They planted and maintained 10 planters as well.

BRIGDEN AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

This is President — Bryce Japp's society. They planted 16 flower beds and planted trees in town. They had 2 flower shows and have an active junior society. Poinsettias were placed in the churches at Christmas time.

SARNIA SOCIETY:

We planted several gardens, assisted with gardens at the nursing homes, Sarnia General Hospital, the St. Clair Parkway Commission, and the Library.

DISTRICT 12 *District Director: Jean Wallace*

ENGLEHART SOCIETY:

This society planted annuals, perennials, and shrubs in established beds in town, and held 2 flower shows. The youth group is self-supporting, but their leader is on the society's Board. Workshop topics included: Flower Arrangements, Dried Arrangements, and Christmas Decorations.

HAILEYBURY SOCIETY:

No report received.

COCHRANE SOCIETY:

No report received.

IROQUOIS FALLS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

Public plantings included various locations in town, using 25 dozen plants. Youth are involved in public plantings, receiving seeds and plants from their parent society.

KAPUSKASING SOCIETY:

The Kapuskasing Society maintains civic beds and planters at Centennial Manor, and the nursing home. Their Summer Flower Show enjoyed 652 entries, including a novice division. A Lawn and Garden Competition was held as well.

KIRKLAND LAKE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

12 locations in town are maintained, using over 15,000 plants and bulbs. The spring and summer flower shows were well attended. They also held bus trips to local greenhouses and the district flower shows.

NEW LISKEARD SOCIETY:

The New Liskeard Society maintains 8 locations in town, with bulbs, planters, trees and shrubs, and they hold a summer show.

PORCUPINE SOCIETY:

Public plantings are found at 6 locations in town, and flower shows are entered by Juniors and Seniors alike.

NORTH BAY SOCIETY:

The North Bay Horticultural Society contributed $800.00 towards the parkette on Main Street, planted 2 trees at the Laurentian Public School, and planted annuals and perennials at 5 locations in town.

TIMMINS SOCIETY:

Beds are maintained at 5 parkettes, and 22 planters are kept downtown and at the cemetery. They hold a rose show, a summer flower and vegetable show, and a Christmas Show, in which the youth members participate as well.

DISTRICT 13 *District Director: Mrs. Laureen Corboy*

SAULT STE. MARIE SOCIETY:

The society here maintains two cemeteries, and have various flower beds in the city. A project of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Tolley, is to place flowers in 3 rooms of the Old Stone House (Ermantinger Museum) during the summer.

LAKE GEORGE SOCIETY:

We are pleased with our youth program. A senior society assists them with materials, and gave each one an O.H.A. Youth Gardener's Crest. We held a hobby and craft show, and served meals to the judging school. This coming year we will maintain 11 existing flower beds, and make 2 new ones at our Post Office.

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND SOCIETY:

A very successful Flower and Vegetable Show was held in August, and we kept a table at the Maple Syrup Festival Flea Market. We planted trees at the municipal grounds, and at the senior citizens complex in memory of past members.

BRUCE STATION SOCIETY:

Youth members made posters for a 2 day flower show, and we hold mini competitions at each meeting and Garden Competitions in the growing season. Memorial trees were planted at Bruce Station Hall and Bruce Mines Post Office.

THESSALON SOCIETY:

This society held a large flower and vegetable show with 655 adult and youth exhibits. They plant and maintain flower beds at the Memorial Park Library, the Community Building, the Legion, the hospital and in street boxes. As well, they maintain shrubbery and lawns at the Memorial Park.

BLIND RIVER SOCIETY:

A flower show was held in August. A life membership and past President's pin was given to Mrs. Lorna Nash. This society continues to work on the river bank, and work with tree plantings. The youths have nature walks, plant seeds and care for the growing plants.

MASSEY — WALFORD SOCIETY:

This society visited I.N.C.O. Greenhouses at Christmas time. Mr. Alex Brey gave a presentation on vegetables grown underground. The youth assist in keeping up 6 flower beds. Teen Town Members are helping develop new beds at each entrance to town.

ESPANOLA SOCIETY:

The spring show had 134 entries, and the summer show had 371. Ten youth members plant their own garden, and enter their products in shows.

ASSIGINACK SOCIETY:

Bulbs were planted at the museum with the help of students, barrels were planted along main street, and beds were planted at the Norisle Museum. About 2,100 flowers and bulbs were used. Quilts are made each year for victims of fire, and we had a bake sale booth at the fall fair. We sent representatives to the District Judging School. We are planning on new flower beds at the Lighthouse.

CAMPBELL SOCIETY:

This society planted flower beds at churches, the War Memorial, and Providence Bay Cemetery. Competitions were held at monthly meetings, they had field trips by bus to visit beekeepers, honey processing and angora wool weaving operations.

GORDON — GORE BAY SOCIETY:

The Gordon — Gore Bay Society maintains 3 beds of annuals, and vistied the greenhouse at school, where each person was presented with a gloxinia. They sell about 75 boxes of bedding plants.

MANITOULIN WEST SOCIETY:

Six beds are planted and maintained. Replanting is done at 3 churches and the community hall. This society is pleased to have hosted the Annual District Meeting, where 39 attended.

SUDBURY SOCIETY:

Bedding plants and shrubs are planted at the C.N.I.B., Pioneer Manor, and Jarrett Centre. Many tulip and daffodil bulbs, perennials, and shrubs are planted around the city. They held a 2-day exhibition in August, with over 500 entries. An African Violet show was held, and also a spring flower, and rose and mum shows. The youth group are very active with entries in the summer show, the O.H.A. Convention, and the Royal Winter Fair.

VALLEY EAST SOCIETY:

No report received.

WARREN SOCIETY:

No report received.

DISTRICT 14 *District Director: Mrs. Dorothy E. Dove*

RAINY RIVER SOCIETY:

This society has rallied after the shock of losing a very hard working Chairman. A tree planting ceremony was held at the Post Office. Public plantings are maintained at the Cemetery, Custom Plaza, the Old Engine, the Red Cross Hospital and the Town Square. The Rainy River Society has also participated in the R.B.G. Outreach Program.

EMO AND AREA SOCIETY:

This is a very active society, which keeps a public planting at the museum and the Red Cross Hospital. Their meetings included speakers on Bees and Honey, Mushrooms, and Christmas Around the House, as well as slides on the Holy Land, Hooked Rugs, and Wall Hangings.

FORT FRANCIS SOCIETY:

Mini-show contests are held at each meeting. Merchants are encouraged to suitably dress up thier windows for flower show week. Small posters are supplied. Public plantings are maintained at the Civic Centre. Senior citizens' gardens were judged, and plaques awarded to winners from three Manors. Meeting topics included: Diseases of Ornamental Trees; Trees, Birds and Animals; Birds in Your Garden; and Care of Lawns.

SIOUX LOOKOUT SOCIETY:

This society had enthusiastic meetings with their District Director and Fred Prescod (R.B.G.), as well as members of the Dryden Society. They held a flower and vegetable show with 276 exhibits.

DRYDEN SOCIETY:

This is a lively society. They have a clump of birch trees at Danis Wood Place, a Royalty Crab at Patricia Gardens (Home for the Aged). This society held a flower show and tea, a plant and bake sale, children's flower growing competition. An adult home site and novel planter competitions were held as well.

NIPIGON-RED ROCK SOCIETY:

A large bed was planted in Nipigon, fertilized and maintained. A very successful flower and vegetable show was held with an excellent junior section.

GERALDTON SOCIETY:

An increase was noted in membership, due to the first flower and vegetable show for several years with 70 exhibits. Public planting at the airport, the recreational complex, and the town hall and library were also maintained.

THUNDER BAY SOCIETY:

Public plantings are maintained at four homes for the aged, using 85 flats, or approximately 5,000 plants. They have an annual flower and vegetable show, with many exhibits, including the participation of 37 Juniors. A horticultural information booth is kept in the Ontario Building at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition. A bursary is given to a scholar in biology at the Lakehead Exhibition. Meeting topics included: Herbs and Their Uses, What's Wrong with My House Plants, and Mushrooms.

TERRACE BAY SOCIETY:

A home beautification competition was held for homes under four years, and homes over four years. 3 prizes were given in each section. A "Christmas Forcing of Bulbs" competition was held to encourage residents to tastefully decorate their homes for the Christmas season. Public plantings are kept outside of the bank, in the park, and at the hospital, as well as at the Kimberley-Clarke Mill.

ATIKOKAN SOCIETY:

No report received.

DISTRICT 15 *District Director: Cam Stewart*

SWANSEA SOCIETY:

Meeting topics included: The Gesneriad Family of Flowers; Cultivation, Utilization, and Preparation of Herbs; Propagation; Home Gardening Problems; and Christmas Decorations. Volunteers also participated in manning booths at the Royal Winter Fair, the Garden, Pool and Landscape Show, and the C.N.E. Flowers and plants were donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This years activities have focussed on landscaping and colour for the home gardener with the technical assistance of some speakers.

ETOBICOKE SOCIETY:

This society held 8 workshops for flower arranging under the direction of Miriam Drennan and Irene Cunningham. Topics covered: Field Naturalists; Plants of Ontario Wetlands; Flower Arrangements; and Christmas Decorations. Members assisted at the Pool and Patio Show, the C.N.E., and the Royal Winter Fair.

WESTWAY SOCIETY:

Our main project was the "Garden Grow" Program, with approximately 30 children and 6 leaders involved. We have great cooperation from the Department of Parks and Recreation in Etobicoke, who supply space for sowing seeds, transplanting, etc. at Riverlea Greenhouses. Our spring project at the R.J. Smith Apartments consisted of planting both annuals and perennials, and at our work day we also supplied potting soil and bedding plants to members there. In the fall we planted iris and tulip bulbs at this senior citizens home.

RICHMOND HILL SOCIETY:

We had nine interesting and informative speakers throughout the year, as well as a garden panel of our own members. Our Civic Improvement Committee has an ongoing program in the care and maintenance of a large rose bed at York Central Hospital, as well as other beds of spring bulbs and annuals.

TORONTO SOCIETY:

We've been established since 1834. Meetings topics included: Fertilizer Manufacturing; New Vegetables and Flowers in '82; South Africa; 19th Century Historic Gardens; Herbs; Mechanics of Flower Arranging; and Japanese Gardens. Six of our members helped at the O.H.A.'s Youth Exhibit at the Royal. We supplied geraniums and petunias and planted them in beds at the Grace Carmen Senior Citizens Apartment Building.

LAKESHORE SOCIETY:

We planted rose bushes at our memorial gardens, and spring flowers at Mimico Presbyterian Church, St. Theresa's, the Library, and several other churches. Several members helped at the horticultural booth at the C.N.E. and at the Royal.

SCHOMBERG SOCIETY:

Speakers topics covered: Iris; Fruit Trees; Sprays; and General Maintenance of the Garden. 4 main flower shows were held. We participated in the floral competitions both at the Pool and Patio Show, and at our local Spring Fair. Poinsettia plants were personally delivered to senior members who are no longer able to attend meetings.

KINGSWAY — SUNNYLEA SOCIETY:

Some interesting meetings covered the following topics: Tree Pruning; Types of Trees; A Trip to Holland, Belgium and the Floriade. Some of our activities were as follows: planting at Kipling Acres of 7 large balcony boxes; presenting the history of narcissus and amaryllis bulbs to school children visiting Montogmery's Inn; planting geraniums and dusty millers in two beds at the Grenview Boulevard entrance to the subway; supplying plants for the flower beds at the Ronald McDonald House.

THORNHILL AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

We had speakers covering such topics as: Care of House Plants; Dahlias and Chrysanthemums; Orchids; Methods of Propagation; Drying, Preserving and Arranging Flowers. There were seven shows altogether during the year. Our annual flower and vegetable show was held in September, with a garden tour in July. Our public planting included maintenance and planting at the Percy Bone Parkette in Thornhill Park, and beautification of the Gallanough Library.

NOBLETON AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

The Nobleton and District Society had a 25% increase in membership last year. Plant sales were held at each of our meetings, and a bake sale and tea was held in conjunction with our August flower show. Our civic improvements included the planting of the flower beds at the Nobleton Cemetery, and also at the public library.

STREETSVILLE SOCIETY:

During the year, we had speakers on: Natural Control of Insects by Means of Encouraging the Presence of Purple Martins; Growing Plants from Seed; the Story of the Orchid; Growing Perennials; Falls Planting and Care of Trees and Shrubs; Herbs; and New Style Floral Arrangements. The Society continued its plantings in the Pioneer Cemetary Park, and also provided planter tubs at two senior citizens' homes, a local home of adult handicapped people, and a local nursing home. Members attended the Garden, Pool and Landscape Show, and the President and Secretary were present at the opening at the Humber Arboretum. Members helped staff the horticultural information booth at the C.N.E.

BRAMPTON SOCIETY:

This Society maintains flower beds in front of the Peel County Museum. During the summer, they reach to 90 youngsters in the community, many of them members of the Girl Guide companies. The Society's President had two main objectives: firstly, to increase the societies involvement in the community and to increase the communities awareness of the society: and secondly, to encourage as many members as possible to become involved in the meetings and activities of the Society. It appears it has been successful.

ROSELANDS SOCIETY:

In April, Jack Lord of the R.B.G. Outreach, gave us a slide presentation on "Native Peoples' Customs and Habitations". The Society distributed seeds to the school pupils, held a spring flower show, a rose and peony show, and a fall flower show.

CLOVERLEAF SOCIETY (Mississauga, Port Credit):

This group holds 9 meetings per year, each featuring a topic of interest, plus a decorative and horticultural show. They sponsored a flower arranging course, which is an annual event and well attended. Another yearly event is our fertilizer sale. Our garden tour was again very successful. We continue to support the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Civic Garden Centre.

DISTRICT 16 *District Director: Mrs. Madeline Hobson*

The District Convention was hosted by the Collingwood Society in 1982 with all societies represented, the theme being "Growing in '82". Excellent competitions from our adults and youths helped make the day. The District Award was presented to Doris Scott, Past Director and President of the Midland Society. The Fall Seminar/Workshop was hosted by Painswick Society, and everyone enjoyed a day of exchanging ideas and problems. I would like to thank all of our horticultural families for promoting horticulture in Simcoe County and for beautifying it so more people can enjoy trees, shrubs, and blooms.

ALLISTON SOCIETY:

Public plantings were conducted at the Alliston Public School, at the Memorial Gardens, the Legion Hall, the Hospital, and Riverdale Park. The group presented a gardening book to the top student in a horticulture course at Banting Memorial High, and a flower arranging book to the Public Library. Speakers and films on Roses, African Violets, Cherry Blossoms in Japan, Bonsai, and Herbs were enjoyed by our members.

ANGUS SOCIETY:

Flower beds are kept at the cenotaph, the library, and two benches in the park. One annual flower show is held in August. The youth group is very active, and received the Lemke Junior Garden Club Award.

BARRIE SOCIETY:

Civic beautification was carried out at the hospital, 15 gores, the library, City Hall, at a 10 acre arboretum, and the Memorial Gardens. Competitions were held in photography, home beautification and industrial beautification. 1982 marked the 108th consecutive year of the operation of the society. A garden column is released in the Barrie Examiner. Fund raising projects, and a spring sale are also conducted. The Juniors studied sowing seed, transplanting and rooting.

BEETON SOCIETY:

Public plantings are maintained in the Village, at the park and at the library. This society planted trees on different streets in the town as well, and held a plant sale and home beautification competition.

BOND HEAD SOCIETY:

Beds were planted at the Sir William Osler Cairn, the Horticultural Parkette, the Bond Head Community Park, and the Bradford Centennial Berm to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the town. Projects included a garage sale, plant auctions and a bus trip to Niagara Falls. The youth group in this society is quite active.

BRENTWOOD SOCIETY:

Public plantings are kept in the area. One flower show is conducted, and flowers are placed in two churches in April. Flowers are provided for the Queen and Princess for the Winter Carnival.

COLDWATER SOCIETY:

Public plantings are maintained and three flower shows are held. Christmas carol singing with the Salvation Army Band outside of the Community Christmas Tree is an important event. The youth group in this society is also quite active. A plant sale is conducted at the church rummage sale. We learned how to make wreaths, birds, arrangements, butterflies, seed pictures and scarecrows. Plantings included a grass area beside the Village Clerks Office and two triangular flower beds. The Juniors installed and planted a wooden barrel at the doctor's office. Youth members plan and conduct the Arbor Days ceremonies, at the two local public schools.

COLLINGWOOD SOCIETY:

The Collingwood Society maintained ten beds with 3,400 plants, and held two flower shows. They also hosted the District 16 Convention in April.

CREEMORE SOCIETY:

This society planted annuals, maple trees, and a flowering crab tree. 3 flower shows were held with 513 entries, 50 youth entries. The society cared for two parks by cutting grass, digging, dusting and pruning rose beds. They entered a float in the local Santa Claus parade.

ELMVALE SOCIETY:

Two large flower beds were planted: 1 at the Cenotaph, and another at the entrance to the Village. 13 half barrels of annuals were placed in front of stores on Queen Street. 2 flower shows were held, with good attendance.

GILFORD SOCIETY:

The Gilford Horticultural Society conducted public plantings at Gilford Hall, Kilarney Beach School, and at the Churchill Library. 2 flower shows were held with 150 entries and they issued their first year book. Bus trips were held to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Cullen Gardens, and Parkwood Gardens.

MIDLAND SOCIETY:

The civic beautification in the town took place at several different sites. This society held 5 flower shows. Members submitted entries at the district convention and at the O.H.A. Convention. They worked with horticultural therapy at two nursing homes. They also held a bus trip to Cullen Gardens, and a plant sale in May. Projects were held at 4 elementary schools, and lectures on propagation were given.

NEW SOCIETY — ORILLIA:

The city public plantings are at 7 different public gardens around buildings in Orillia, and trees were planted during Horticultural Week. The arboretum was able to go ahead with a new building, because of a grant from the Ministry of Health and Welfare. Considerable ground has been cleared of stumps, and graded and seeded. One troup of Girl Guides is cleaning and raking. We held 6 flower shows, and a bus trip to the Dahlia Show in Durham County.

ORO TOWNSHIP SOCIETY:

This society maintained flower beds at 7 localities, and planted two new beds in co-operation with community groups. They also planted trees and shrubs along the boundary of the township park. They set up exhibits at the Oro and Barrie fair, floral designs in two local churches, and at the Simcoe County Museum. They sent a brief to the Township Council, re: reserving township land in the bog areas where rare plants and orchids are growing. Five members are taking the District Judging course. This society is

proud to have a member's son receive the Dr. Ives Award, to continue his college studies. The youth group is very strong in this society.

PAINSWICK SOCIETY:

Public plantings took place at the Historical Site, Painswick Park, and in Strouds Parkette, using tulip bulbs, petunias, and geraniums. They held two flower shows and a home beautification contest. The youth society is progressing very well, and the program for the year covers items as follows: planting cuttings to raise under lights; flower arranging; and a nature hike.

PENETANGUISHENE SOCIETY:

This society conducts public plantings at the General Hospital, Georgian Manor, Memorial Park, Senior Citizens Apartments, and more. 2 Royal Oaks were planted near a bronze plaque for the late Mr. Graham. Home garden contests were held. 2 members are taking the District Judging Course. A newly formed group called "The Junior Green Thumbs" has been formed. They are coming along nicely.

STAYNOR SOCIETY:

Public plantings in the town were in the form of 12 flower beds, 12 half barrels, 4 rose beds, and 5 planters. 5 flower shows were held. A float was entered in the Holland Days Parade.

THORNTON SOCIETY:

This group placed 15 barrels on Highway #27 in Thornton, landscaped at the Trinity United Church, and a new bed was made at St. Judes Church. Increased bulbs and annuals and perennials were noticed everywhere. A rose show was held in June. The Juniors studied dried flower arrangements, apple dolls, pressed flowers, and seed pictures. They worked on a civic beautification project at the Fire Hall.

TOTTENHAM SOCIETY:

There were public plantings at the Post Office, and two rectangular beds at the mall. Some members pruned shrubs and evergreens outside of the Post Office, and the Town Hall.

VESPRA SOCIETY:

This society planted flowers and cared for five previously planted areas. They held 2 flower shows. They took a bus trip to Kitchener. The Juniors are an active bunch in the community.

DISTRICT 17 *District Director: Allan T. Foss*

AJAX SOCIETY:

Public plantings at Holy Trinity and at the Salvation Army Churches were extended with the addition of St. Pauls United Church. This project was extensive in the cleanup of the grounds, pruning and planting. Therapeutic gardening continues at Balleycliffe Lodge with good results. A bus trip to the Toronto Flower Show at the Civic Garden Centre was enjoyed by all. A show in the Ajax Mall is planned for the coming year to stimulate memberships. Juniors take part in many of the senior's activities.

BEAVERTON SOCIETY:

This society celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Anniversary this year and received two prizes for their "Show Lists and Program Book"; 1 at the O.H.A. Convention in Guelph, the other at the District 17 meeting in Oshawa. Five shows were held and booths were operated at the Steam Show and the Beaverton Fair. Premium night is held in the spring as part of the annual membership campaign. Plant auctions, sales, dinners and garden competitions are well supported and have helped our membership to grow.

BOWMANVILLE AND DISTRICT SOCIETY:

Several new members have joined and are taking an active part. We had quite a number of interesting speakers on the following: Pest Control and Plant Disease; Storing and Preserving Vegetables; Earthworms; and Trees and Shrubs and Ground Cover. Our society plants and maintains ten individual flower plots around Bowmanville. We set up several classes and prizes for hanging baskets and outdoor planters. This created quite an interest and a good number of entries. This year we have added a number of classes and prizes for Juniors, which we have not had for a number of years. One of our members was interested in getting some Juniors started this year. We wish her every success.

BROOKLIN SOCIETY:

Our society members were utilized as speakers with subjects as follows: California Cavalcade; African Violet Propagation; The Vegetable Garden; Iris Culture; Stirring it Up; and Tinkering with Mums. Other speakers taught us about wild flowers, budding roses, and Christmas crafts. A flower arranging course was held in the community. Participation in the Brooklin Spring Fair included a float which took first prize and an information and sales booth. 2 members took part in the judging course and six helped to staff the booth at the C.N.E. Our Junior members assisted with our civic plantings in Brooklin and planted 50 barrels on the main street in Whitby. Members were encouraged to enter the flower show at the Brooklin Spring Fair. Junior divisions were included in five of our regular flower shows and the results were most encouraging.

CANNINGTON SOCIETY:

The Cannington Horticultural Society has enjoyed another busy year under the leadership of President — John Nowakowski. Plants and tulip bulbs were planted in beds around young trees on the main street, in hanging baskets also on the main street, in beds at the Canadian Legion and Township buildings, and at the log cabin in MacLeod Park and Bon Air Nursing Home. We sponsored four large flower shows and a mini Christmas show. There were a total of 689 entries in the five shows. The Juniors assisted the regular members in the civic planting. Each Junior planted seeds, cultivated the growing plants, and exhibited them in the four large flower shows. Our Plant Auction in May and our Country Fair and Sale in October were both successful. We placed a Society exhibit in the Sunderland Fair.

GEORGINA — BROCK SOCIETY:

Each of our shows, held in the Pefferlaw Library was attractively decorated with seasonal plants, branches and flowers. In the fall, spring flowering bulbs were planted at all of our public plots. Fortunately, a compatible relationship has been established with the local papers who have published announcements and reports of all of our activities, often with front-page headlines. During 1982 the young members planted gardens and exhibited their flowers and vegetables, the seeds of all having been given them as premiums. Judges were unanimous in their praise of the efforts, imagination and ingenuity shown in the youth exhibits at the various shows.

ORONO SOCIETY:

2 special competitions were held: our outdoors competition for rock gardens, window boxes, and planters; and a photographic competition in prints and slides, which is held with our Christmas Show. Our society members planted 500 annuals in the 5 horticultural beds. 3 students were hired for summer employment, to maintain these flower beds and to cut the grass. This was a very successful project for the students and for the society. The society helped the Businessmen's Association to plant annuals in the planters along the main street. 2 books were donated to the Orono Library. We donated a bursary to Clarke High School to a student going through in Horticulture. The Juniors held monthly meetings all through the year. The leaders kept them busy with a large variety of natural crafts. They made their own bottle gardens and bird houses.

OSHAWA SOCIETY:

The Oshawa Garden Club enjoyed a full and interesting year. Civic plantings were carried out at three different sites: the Kinsmen Valley View Park, Parkwood Estates, and at Hillsdale Manor. Aside from the "Pearls of Wisdom" gleaned from some of our

own members, we engaged speakers on the following topics: Wild Flowers and Insects in Ontario; Balcony and Patio Gardening; Operating a Home Greenhouse Economically; Plant Propagation; and Episcias. Special activities included three workshops on design conducted by Gordon Wick.

NEWCASTLE SOCIETY:

The Newcastle Horticultural Society was active and very productive during 1982, with 124 Seniors and 35 Juniors. The society provided and planted all of the annual flowers on community property in the village; donated and planted trees at both the church and the community hall; and assisted the downtown merchants with their flower beds. The society had 6 flower shows, 8 general meetings, two bus tours, and produced a year book. Junior gardeners were given seeds for the garden plots, and a dish garden project was taken care of by the Juniors at the Newcastle Public School.

PICKERING SOCIETY:

At the 11 regular meetings, we had speakers on Wild Flowers, Organic Insecticides, Attracting Birds to Your Garden, Flower Design, Conifers, and Broadleaf Evergreens, Pests and Diseases, and Starting Seeds Indoors. Most important of all this year was the formulation of our Junior Gardeners. They competed in the Royal Winter Fair, the C.N.E., the O.H.A. Convention, and the District 17 meeting in Oshawa. We were very proud that they not only competed but managed to win several times. They were responsible for two public plantings. The plants for these were grown from seed by our senior members.

PINERIDGE SOCIETY:

During 1 year we held a spring flower show, a rose and early vegetable show, and a fall flower and vegetable show. 3 of our meetings were conducted as workshops, 1 for dried flower arrangements, the second for fresh flower arrangements, and the third on terarriums. Our home garden competition took place in July, consisting of two categories: flower gardens and vegetable gardens. Our photographic competition is judged in September by the public attending the Blackstock Fair. We were asked again to hold a plant sales table at the Port Perry Hospital Bazaar. Our garden club entered a float in the Blackstock Fair and won third prize. We also took 22 shut-ins from the Senior Citizen Home to Cullen Gardens.

UXBRIDGE SOCIETY:

In May last year, the public planting was designed and supervised by four different members, each 1 taking a section. This provided the medium for their own creativity. Also in May the annual plant sale was held in the centre of town and was most successful. Our shows, held 9 times a year, are of excellent caliber and are very competitive. Our speakers proved to be most interesting and varied, in particular, Miss Veldhuis from Dundas on Cactii and House Plants. This was followed shortly by a visit to the Veldhuis Greenhouses. In connection with the Uxbridge Fall Fair, 1 Director visits the local public schools to encourage the students to enter the junior flower and vegetable show.

DISTRICT 18 *District Director: Mrs. Evelyn Moreau*

Although membership is down in some societies, we welcomed a new society to our family of gardeners, located in the community of Loring, Ontario, to be known as the Argyle Horticultural Society. During the year I was able to attend some society meetings and judged at others, and wish to thank societies and their members for the kindness and hospitality shown to me.

HUNTSVILLE SOCIETY:

This society's membership is down, yet they have taken on a new project. That is the care of all indoor plants at their new nursing home. They will be doing planting outside in the spring, in addition to planting the new very large containers on the main street, plots at the hospital, one bed at the bridge, and one by the senior citizen's building. They held a spring and summer flower show with 414 exhibits.

GRAVENHURST SOCIETY:

Gravenhurst's membership has increased along with renewed interest in improving the society. Planting was done at the Opera House, the OPP Building, the Mortuary, and the Library. A summer flower show was held with 181 entries.

BAYSVILLE SOCIETY:

This society maintains a very lovely park along the banks of the Muskoka River, planting annuals and geraniums. 2 memorial trees were planted in the summer, followed by 400 tulips. A new flower bed was planted at the senior citizens building.

BRACEBRIDGE SOCIETY:

4 flower beds were maintained throughout the town, a tree was planted in the park, and a flowering crab at the hospital. 2 flower shows were held in the spring and summer. 300 packets of annual seeds were given to public school children, with classes in the summer show for Juniors. The society celebrated its 50th year and published a history book of its past.

SUNDRIDGE SOCIETY:

This society really got into the planting in 1982, with 3 flower beds at the new community centre, and 8 barrels filled with petunias. Tulip bulbs, donated by the district to this new society, were planted at the public school. A summer flower show was held, and they entered a float in the Maple Syrup Parade, and a display at the fall fair.

CALLANDER SOCIETY:

A very active society, they always seem to get a great deal of work accomplished at their ongoing project at the park along Callander Bay. They also plant at the Medical Centre and the Public Library. Competitions were held at meetings, and a summer flower and vegetable show was also held. No youth group exists at present, but there is a very good prospect of getting a group formed in the near future.

ARGYLE SOCIETY:

This society came into being by the interest of members in 4 small communities, northwest of Parry Sound, near the Village of Loring. They were presented with their Charter in September, 1982. They have 62 members, and a few meetings were held last year and plans are underway for a flower show, and possibly some planters in public areas.

PARRY SOUND SOCIETY:

Membership in this society has increased slightly. Annuals and geraniums were planted in the society flower beds by the Sequin River Bridge, and also in the beds along the river by the tennis courts. 2 flower shows were held, spring and August, and the number of exhibits increased over the previous year, with classes for juniors included. 2 car loads travelled to Toronto to the Garden, Pool and Landscape Show. The society had a display in the local mall in connection with the Spring Fling activities and members did the table flowers for the United Church Toronto Conference.

POWASSAN SOCIETY:

Annuals were planted at the Legion Memorial Park and 4 other beds, followed with 200 tulips. In May a plant sale was held and a flower show in August. Packets of seeds were given to public school children, and $35.00 was given to the public school towards beautification.